March 1, 2023

To students in the classes of 2024, 2025, and 2026,

We are writing to inform you of Williams’ comprehensive fee for the next academic year, 2023-2024. The fee, which includes tuition, housing, meals and mandatory student fees, will be $81,160. This is an increase of 5 percent over 2022-2023. If you are a financial aid recipient, your award will be adjusted in accordance with the new amount.

We understand that paying for college is a large and meaningful investment in your future. We try to limit annual increases, while prudently investing in people and programs that will provide you with an education of lifelong value, well beyond the sticker price. The increase in the comprehensive fee is driven by costs that have risen due to inflation and other economic forces. Williams’ small classes and tutorials, advanced research opportunities and a rich array of student activities have established the college as a national model for superb liberal arts learning. Our vision of the liberal arts also extends to the Class of ’68 Center for Career Exploration, which is dedicated to helping you imagine how your academic interests could form the basis for a rewarding career and future life.

We are committed to providing financial aid for those requiring support. Our historic All-Grant program ensures that financial aid is in the form of grants only, so that students are not expected to take on unnecessary debt. Our goal of “true affordability” goes far beyond the norm to include free textbooks/course materials, health insurance, and countless other financial benefits with no expected earnings contribution during the academic year nor in the summer.

We never want the cost to prevent students from attending. We especially want to emphasize that point for families experiencing financial challenges as a result of the recent volatility in economic conditions. If your financial circumstances have changed recently, please contact our student financial services office right away at sfs@williams.edu or (413) 597-4181 so that we can try to help.

Thank you for your dedication to your learning and for your commitment to and trust in Williams. We seek to honor your investment by providing an outstanding education to prepare you for a meaningful and gratifying future.

Sincerely,

Michael Wagner, Vice President for Finance and Operations, Treasurer
Eiko Maruko Sinawer ’97, Provost, Class of 1955 Memorial Professor of History