SIX COMMITMENTS

The University of Utah president and trustees recently signed a new compact with the community. The compact includes six commitments that capture the U’s statewide responsibility to lead, partner, educate, research, and serve. It also affirms the U’s role as an academic health system serving all of Utah. This summary builds from the six commitments by summarizing the U’s engagement with Juab, Millard, Beaver, Iron, Washington, Kane, Garfield, Wayne, Piute, Sevier, and Sanpete counties.
The University of Utah welcomes the partnerships it shares with Southern Utah University, Utah Tech University, Snow College, Dixie Tech, and Southwest Tech. We also value the interconnection with the 13 school districts serving Central and Southern Utah. We seek to be leaders and stewards of a unified statewide approach to educational success as each school shares its unique educational offerings.

University of Utah and Utah Tech/SUU Partnerships

- Utah Tech University (UTU) hosts the U's St. George Graduate Center on our campus in University Plaza.
- The U's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program on the UTU campus allows one third of the cohort to learn in St. George.
- The University of Utah School of Medicine's St. George extension of the Physician Assistant Program continues to be a success on the UTU campus.
- In March 2021, the University of Utah School of Dentistry's full dental clinic was added to the oral health care education and dental hygiene services the UTU Public Dental Hygiene Clinic has offered for more than 20 years. The clinics, located in the Russell C. Taylor Health Sciences Center on the UTU campus, provide students with hands-on learning experiences while offering discounted dental care to underserved populations.
- University of Utah collaborates with the Utah Center for Rural Health, the Southern Utah Area Health Education Center and the Utah Rural Opioid Healthcare Consortium housed at Southern Utah University (SUU) to address the opioid use disorder epidemic. There is a pending HRSA grant to provide primary care clinics in Carbon and Wayne counties to utilize RNs as case managers for substance use disorder treatment.

The University of Utah and Utah Tech University’s continued partnership is making a long-lasting impact on our students and community. By working closely together, we are better able to serve the residents of Utah, prepare them to meet workforce demands, and ensure our communities thrive.

Richard “Biff” Williams, President of Utah Tech University

Central and Southern Utah Student, Staff, and Patient Reach

The University of Utah teaches, employs, and provides patient care to many Central and Southern Utah residents.

Percent of Central and Southern Utah Zip Codes with a University of Utah Student, Employee, or Patient of Record, 2021

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Source: University of Utah
The University of Utah owns and manages more than 550 buildings totaling 16.5 million square feet of institutional space, in 14 counties and 33 cities throughout Utah, extending into six other states and Washington, D.C.

Central and Southern Utah

- Iron Mission Dialysis Center
- Lon and Mary Watson Millard County Cosmic Ray Center
- 3 Fluorescence Detector Buildings (Middle Drum, Black Rock, & Long Ridge)
- 4 Physics Residences
- TARA Radar Transmitter Building
- Central Laser Facility (CLF) Site
- UEN Storage
- Willard L. Eccles Observatory, support building, & control building
- AirMed Helipad at the Central Valley Hospital
- AirMed Quarters & Hanger Base Nephi
- Utah Tech Dialysis Center
- The Falls at Mesa Point
- Utah Tech University Business Office
- Russell Taylor Health Sciences Building at Utah Tech University
- Tonaquint Data Center in St George
- Utah Lions Eye Bank
- CECE Utah Tech College Site

Source: University of Utah Office of Space Planning and Management

Economic Impact of the University of Utah

The University of Utah casts an immense economic and societal footprint over the entire state, making it one of Utah's largest and most important economic assets.

- The U directly and indirectly supports 83,100 jobs, $6.3 billion in GDP, and $4.6 billion in earnings.
- The U serves as the state’s largest employer with 39,300 direct jobs.
- The U’s patient care tallies approximately 2 million patient visits annually.
- The U trains 2/3 of Utah’s physicians.
- The U serves as the only academic health care system in the Mountain West and provides patient care to the people of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, and Nevada.

“The collaboration Southern Utah University has with the University of Utah to address the gap in rural health and the opioid epidemic is a vital service to the state. We look forward to building and extending similar programs to positively impact the lives of our underserved communities.”

Mindy Benson, President of Southern Utah University
WE, the trustees and president of the University of Utah, affirm the role the U plays as the flagship university in our state. This statewide responsibility requires us to deliver excellence in teaching, research, patient care, and community service. It also requires us to collaborate with our sister institutions of higher learning as we help individuals and communities prosper. In our pursuit to become a top 10 public university with unsurpassed societal impact, we make six commitments to Utah:

1. COMMITMENT to lead – Founded in 1850, we stand as Utah’s longest-serving, largest, and most prominent institution of higher learning. We represent Utah in the prestigious Association of American Universities and are recognized as a Tier 1 research university. We aim to become a national model of an equitable and inclusive campus where diversity thrives. We improve health and well-being with our top-ranked health system; we compete in the Pac-12 “Conference of Champions”; we contribute to the economy as the state’s largest employer; and we serve as state stewards of outstanding cultural assets. We fly Utah’s flag.

2. COMMITMENT to educate – We extol the promise of education to confer substantial individual and societal benefits and contribute to a better world. We focus on student achievement knowing that our efforts will help increase our students’ lifetime earnings, enhance their social mobility, and help them live happier, healthier, and more fulfilling lives. We serve as the state’s dental school, law school, medical school, pharmacy school, comprehensive cancer institute, and mental health institute, and confer more than half of the state’s graduate degrees. We inspire lifetime success through learning.

3. COMMITMENT to research – We produce two-thirds of the state’s public university academic research, including pathbreaking studies and critical discoveries that prolong and improve people’s lives. The co-location at the U of a comprehensive research university and an academic medical center makes the U one of fewer than 12 equivalent institutions in the country. We innovate, improve lives, and change the world.

4. COMMITMENT to serve – We embrace a statewide service mission that fosters community success. Our societal impact stretches far and wide, including neighborhood partnerships, volunteer service projects, interdisciplinary service teams, contributions to public policy, health charity care, community centers, arts and cultural experiences, and numerous institutes, centers, and programs that help Utah prosper. We embed ourselves in the social, economic, and cultural fabric of Utah and fulfill our responsibility as a model public university. We impact Utah through service.

5. COMMITMENT to patient care – We provide excellent care for over two million patient visits annually. Staffed by more than 23,000 professionals in five hospitals and 12 community health centers across the state, U of U Health serves as a nationally recognized and transformative health care system and regionally as a provider of world-class care. We train the majority of the region’s physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists, and other health professionals. We care for the health and well-being of Utahns.

6. COMMITMENT to unify with sister institutions – We seek to be leaders and stewards of a unified statewide approach to educational success. We support the leadership of the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) and collaborate with sister institutions in both higher and public education to serve Utah. This unified approach maximizes the beneficial impact as each school shares its unique educational strengths for the greater good. We partner as we lead, educate, research, and serve.