

USU MISSION, VISION AND CORE VALUES

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MISSION

Utah State University is one of the nation's premier student-centered land-grant and space-grant universities. We foster the principle that academics come first; we cultivate diversity of thought and culture; and we serve the public through learning, discovery, and engagement.

VISION

Utah State University, as a state-wide multi-campus system, will be internationally recognized for its exceptional learning opportunities and world-class research. We strive to achieve the highest level of excellence in learning, discovery, and engagement in an environment of trust and respect. We endeavor to expand educational access to a diverse community. We seek to enhance the quality of life for individuals and communities, by promoting arts and cultural programming, by working toward environmental sustainability, and by developing the technologies of tomorrow to drive economic development in Utah, as well as in the global marketplace.

CORE VALUES

Utah State University is committed to providing environments of opportunity that value:

Learning & Discovery. Utah State University is a thriving intellectual community achieving excellence in the pursuit of knowledge both through learning and inquiry. We believe that innovations in teaching and research provide students with opportunities for developing critical thinking skills and promote outstanding scholastic and creative achievement that will help ensure future success.

Individual Development. We accept each learner as unique and full of promise for intellectual and personal growth. We foster individual success and self-determination, and believe that educating the whole person builds character, promotes active involvement in the world, and produces better citizens.

Leadership. At all levels of the university, we value leadership built on trust, integrity, and civility.

Diversity. Appreciation of diversity of thought and expression is the foundation of a vibrant intellectual environment. We respect all persons, their differences, and the community they form.

Outreach and Access. As the State's land-grant university, we are committed to reaching across all communities and offering opportunities to all citizens. We value the connections that benefit and improve the quality of life for individuals, families, and communities and that invigorate the university.