The College of Social Work at
the University of Utah
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The state’s oldest and largest institution of higher education, the University of Utah is the flagship university of the state. The university offers more than 100 undergraduate and 90 graduate degree programs to more than 31,500 students (23,800 undergraduate and 7,700 graduate). The university is noted for its high research profile, its diversity of ideas and people, its stunningly beautiful setting, and the warmth, friendliness, and collegiality of its faculty, staff, and students.

A community of students, staff, and scholars, the University of Utah — affectionately called the U — is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge through innovative research; the education of future citizens, professionals, and leaders; and scholarly and creative pursuits that preserve and enlarge our understanding of the human condition. This is accomplished in an open environment that invites active participation from and interaction among all voices in a tradition of civilized discourse.

Part of the Pac-12 athletic conference, the University of Utah is a complex institution that serves the people of Utah, and beyond, in numerous ways while also conducting fundamental research and scholarship of international importance. As a premier research university, the U is committed to building world-class research programs and attracting and retaining the best faculty from across the nation and throughout the world. The university is strongly committed to delivering outstanding undergraduate, graduate, and professional education that prepares students for leadership roles in Utah, the country, and the world. The university’s partnership with the state is reflected in a deep commitment to provide education for Utah’s residents and service in the university’s local and regional communities.

MISSION

The mission of the University of Utah is to create a learning environment that fosters discovery, refinement, and wide dissemination of knowledge. By integrating outstanding teaching, cutting-edge research, creative scholarship, and community involvement, the university investigates significant issues affecting and advancing the human condition, while preparing its students for important roles within a diverse and ever-changing society. The University of Utah is committed to a diverse and inclusive environment where student citizens are provided the opportunity to develop the vision, perspective, skills, and integrity to become influential leaders and professionals. The university
aims to achieve a nationally renowned scholarly and collegial environment for the generation of ideas, interdisciplinary research, and creative works that will contribute to the betterment of Utah and the world.

**CORE VALUES**

The University of Utah is dedicated to excellence, in accordance with its core values.

**Learning:** A welcoming and engaging learning environment that combines creative and innovative classroom instruction with opportunities for individual student and faculty experiences in research, writing, performance, and service.

**Excellence in research, scholarship, and creative works:** The results of the faculty’s scholarly activities and recognizes the importance of these pursuits to the individual, the institution, and the state.

**Diversity and inclusiveness:** The benefits that derive from interactions among individuals with different traditions, cultures, preferences, religious beliefs, economic backgrounds and racial/ethnic origins to its students, the university community, and society as a whole.

**Entrepreneurial spirit:** Faculty innovation and the benefits that result from investments in creative people. Such benefits accrue not only to the university, but also to the community through the generation of new concepts and technologies that strengthen Utah’s economic engine and improve the lives of its people.

**Independent inquiry:** Independent inquiry and the innovation and discovery achieved through unrestricted questioning and examination.

**Collegiality:** A learning atmosphere that encourages respect for differing viewpoints and fosters open communication, collaboration, and teamwork.

**Respect for resources:** The wise and efficient use of its resources. These resources include: the time of its students, the university community, and society as a whole.

**Respect for differing viewpoints:** The benefits that result from investments in creative people. Such benefits accrue not only to the university, but also to the community through the generation of new concepts and technologies that strengthen Utah’s economic engine and improve the lives of its people.

**Research and discovery:** A learning environment that encourages respect for differing viewpoints and fosters open communication, collaboration, and teamwork.

**SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES**

The university boasts schools and colleges, 13 of which award undergraduate degrees:

- College of Architecture + Planning
- David Eccles School of Business
- School of Dentistry
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Fine Arts
- College of Health
- College of Humanities
- S.J. Quinney College of Law
- School of Medicine
- College of Mines and Earth Sciences
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Science
- College of Social and Behavioral Science
- College of Social Work

The university also has an Honors College, which provides intellectually curious, motivated students the best of two worlds — an intimate liberal arts and sciences education, including rigorous coursework and living-learning cohorts, within a world-class research university that offers opportunities for independent research and working closely with top researchers and scholars.

**RESEARCH**

Research and discovery play a more prominent role at the university than ever before. Research at the university received $2,565 grants and contract awards totaling over $417 million for fiscal year 2015, as faculty members successfully competed with the best universities in the country.

The Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program (UROP) provides undergraduate students and faculty members the opportunity to work together on research or creative projects. In Spring 2016, 125 students received the designation of Undergraduate Research Scholar at graduation.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The University of Utah plays a significant role in the economic vitality of the state. One of the partnerships developed in support of this effort is the Utah Science Technology and Research initiative (USTAR), a long-term, state-funded investment to strengthen Utah’s knowledge economy. Established in 2006, this revolutionary initiative invests in world-class innovation teams and research facilities at the University of Utah and Utah State University. The goal of these investments is to create novel technologies, which then leverage the assets of Utah’s research universities in creating and commercializing innovative technologies to generate more technology-based start-up firms, higher paying jobs, and additional business activity, leading to a state-wide expansion of Utah’s tax base.

**ACADEMIC MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH**

University Health Care is the Intermountain West’s only academic health care system, combining excellence in patient care, medical research, and teaching to provide leading-edge medicine in a caring and personal setting. As part of that system, University Hospitals & Clinics offers services in more than 120 specialties and serves as clinical training ground for nearly 2,000 students and more than 600 medical residents, fellows, and interns. Throughout its existence, the University’s Health Sciences has been recognized as a leading regional teaching institution and patient care facility for the entire Intermountain West. University of Utah Health Care received the 2015 University HealthSystem Consortium Quality Leadership Award for demonstrating superior delivery of high-quality patient care.

**INFRASTRUCTURE**

Extraordinary growth at the university has brought a need to improve and extend the physical infrastructure. The university has created a 25-year campus master plan with the intent of transforming the 1,500-acre, 31,500-student institution into an integrated, walkable, sustainable, energized, and even more lively campus. One look out the window of practically any campus building now reveals the aggressive nature of this project: There are currently 17 major projects that either were just completed, are under construction, or are in design.
SUSTAINABILITY

Through thoughtful programs and new initiatives, the university is quickly becoming a beacon of environmental responsibility. The university is a signatory to the American College and University President’s Climate Commitment, which includes a strong commitment to creating a formal Carbon Neutrality Plan. This year, the U launched the first university-sponsored community solar program, which provides discounted rooftop solar panels to U community members. U students also took sustainability into their own hands and replaced grass with water-wise landscaping alternatives around campus.

ATHLETICS

The University of Utah is now in its third year as a member of the Pac-12 athletic conference. The move has been met with great enthusiasm from students, alumni, and fans everywhere. Beyond strengthening Utah’s athletic programs and profile, joining the Pac-12 has aligned the U with an academically powerful collection of institutions. This year, the U ranked second to Stanford in student athlete graduation rates by NCAA’s Academic Progress Rate.

SERVICE COMMITMENT

A distinctive aspect of the University of Utah is its commitment to supporting the needs of its neighbors and surrounding communities. Two key initiatives enable this outreach. University Neighborhood Partners (UNP) links seven ethnically and culturally rich Salt Lake City neighborhoods with the University of Utah to create pathways to higher education. The partnerships address issues of race, ethnicity, religion, political views, and geography that are important to understand on the journey to higher education. Additionally, the Lowell Bennion Community Service Center fosters lifelong service and civic participation by engaging the university with the greater community in action, change, and learning. Each year more than 8,500 U students, staff, faculty, and alumni provide nearly 175,000 hours of service with community and non-profit organizations through direct volunteer work and service-learning opportunities.

RECOGNITION

Since the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) was first released in 2003, the University of Utah has been among the top 100 universities in the world; the only school in Utah so recognized. The ARWU also places the university among the best programs in the world for life sciences (top 50); clinical medicine and pharmacy, social sciences, mathematics, chemistry, economics, and business (top 75), and engineering technology and computer sciences (top 100).

GOVERNANCE

The University of Utah is one of eight public higher education institutions governed by the Utah Board of Regents. The Board of Regents is comprised of 19 residents of the State of Utah. Fifteen members are appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. The Board of Regents establishes the policy and funding direction for the eight campuses, and also appoints their respective presidents.

The University of Utah Board of Trustees provides for local campus direction and advocacy. This Board consists of 10 people, eight of whom are appointed by the governor with the consent of the Senate. The president of the University of Utah Alumni Association Board of Directors and the president of the Associated Students of University of Utah (ASUU) serve as the ninth and 10th members of the Board, respectively.

The president is supported by an exceptional administrative cabinet of professionals who are experts in their own disciplines. The president of the Academic Senate is also a member of the cabinet. The Academic Senate is an independent part of the governance structure of the university; no change to academic policy can be enacted without Senate approval. This arrangement has been in place for over 20 years, and has helped create an atmosphere of cooperation and a sense of shared responsibility for furthering the university’s values.
The University of Utah College of Social Work, established in 1937, is a leader in social work education in the Intermountain West. The college offers an inclusive and challenging learning environment where students are encouraged to collaborate with faculty, peers, and community partners in analyzing and resolving critical social problems.

The University of Utah has been classified by the Carnegie Foundation as one of the 115 research universities with the “highest research activity” in the nation. Housed within the College of Social Work are a number of research entities, including the Social Research Institute, the Utah Criminal Justice Center, and the W.D. Goodwill Initiatives on Aging, which provide research opportunities and support for locating and managing external funding for faculty and students. College faculty are currently conducting a number of federally-funded, translational social research projects, supported by grants from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, the National Institute of Justice, the Department of Labor, the National Science Foundation, the Veterans Administration, the Children’s Bureau, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to advance social work research and innovate evidence-based practices for vulnerable populations in need.

The College of Social Work features several state-of-the-art clinical observation suites equipped with one-way mirrors and audio-visual technology for clinical research and training, as well as a sophisticated psychophysiology lab for cutting-edge social work neuroscience. College of Social Work faculty have developed extensive partnerships with community stakeholders and policymakers to facilitate high-impact research in the service of generating solutions to pressing social problems.

The college's accomplished faculty have been elected to numerous distinguished positions, such as grant reviewers for the National Institutes of Health, distinguished fellows to the National Academy of Practice, panel moderators at CSWE-sponsored White House Briefings, and advisors for the National Academy Committee on Science, Technology, and Law.

The college is seeking a dynamic new leader who will build upon eight decades of success, facilitating the development of a shared vision for the college and the community it serves. Ideal candidates will have previous administrative leadership, an exceptional record of grant-funded scholarship and teaching, fundraising experience, and a commitment to human rights and social justice in the context of social work practice.

PEOPLE

- Faculty: 43
  - Tenure-track: 21
  - Career-line: 22
- Staff (full-time): 35
- BSW Students: 205
- MSW Students: 313
- Ph.D. Students: 36

32% of social work undergraduate students identify as people of color
19% of social work graduate students identify as people of color
ACADEMIC DEGREES

• Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)
  • Campus and online options
  • One of three undergraduate majors available at the U’s Asia Campus in South Korea
• Master of Social Work (MSW)
  • Full-time, part-time, evening, and distance options
  • Dual degree programs: MSW/MPA, MSW/MPH, MSW/J.D.
• Ph.D. in Social Work
  • Nationally recognized faculty mentors with expertise in a wide range of areas
  • Research method specialization

RESEARCH

• According to Academic Analytics (compared to all social work programs):
  • College of Social Work faculty articles were cited 991 times from 2010-2014 (#18 in citation rank)
  • Faculty published 21 books from 2005-2014 (#19 in book productivity)
  • Faculty were ranked #34 in the country in productivity of articles from 2011-2014
• College faculty have published articles in high impact journals, including:
  • Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews (Impact Factor 9.4)
  • Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics (Impact Factor 9.2)
  • Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology (Impact Factor 5.3)
  • Pediatrics (Impact Factor 5.5)
  • Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences (Impact Factor 4.0)
• Faculty have recently been awarded federal research grants from:
  • National Institutes of Health
  • Department of Defense
  • Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute
  • Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration
  • Children’s Bureau

COLLEGE COMMUNITY

• American Indian Social Work Program – One of the nation’s first social work career training programs designed to support American Indian/Alaska Native students in achieving their educational and professional goals.
• Belle S. Spafford Endowed Chair – A funded faculty research position dedicated to improving the lives of women and families.
• Bridge Training Clinic – An innovative training environment that enables students to observe real counseling sessions and practice clinical skills while benefiting from expert mentoring from social work faculty.
• Global Social Work – Offers opportunities for learning, research, and service in countries around the world, including annual study abroad trips to Ghana, Mexico, and Mongolia.
• Initiative for Practice-Research Integration – Promotes the inclusion of practice-informed research and research-informed practice concepts and principles across the curriculum of the BSW, MSW, and Ph.D. programs.
• Initiative for Transformative Social Work – An initiative driven by the college community to facilitate activities on a variety of social justice issues and anti-oppression visions.
• Social Research Institute – A hub of highly skilled researchers, offering research-based evaluation and analysis on a range of topics related to the social sciences.
• Utah Criminal Justice Center – A multidisciplinary research center that supports local and state entities in developing evidence-based policies, programs, and interventions.
• W.D. Goodwill Initiatives on Aging – Has helped hundreds of older adults remain safely and comfortably in their own homes, while providing clinical training to students and supporting collaborative interdisciplinary research opportunities.
Salt Lake City and Utah

Along the east bench of Salt Lake City, the University of Utah is nestled into the foothills of the beautiful Wasatch Mountains. At the edge of campus – which encompasses the state arboretum – a natural stream winds its way through Red Butte Garden and a well-maintained hiking and biking trail crosses paths with the Natural History Museum of Utah.

Salt Lake City offers a spectacular mix of city life and nearby natural solitude, with plenty of family friendly activities throughout Utah’s four lovely seasons. Utah’s capital city has an increasingly diverse population of approximately 192,700 and has become a welcoming destination city for refugees, fostering an exceptional variety of diverse community cultural events.

Visitors are greeted by warm, friendly people, clean streets, and a relaxed but active atmosphere. Walkable and bike-friendly neighborhoods lend to the safe, small-town feel of one of the 50 largest metropolitan markets in the U.S.

“Salt Lake City has the feel of both a larger city and a smaller community.” – DR. JASON CASTILLO

EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

Utah is home to five stunning national parks and five national monuments, with six more national parks within a day’s drive of Salt Lake City. There are also seven world-class ski resorts within 30 minutes of the U campus. While Utah’s ski resorts boast the “greatest snow on earth” in the winter, many also offer a range of fun summer activities, including family movie nights, thrilling zip lines, decadent spa services, scenic tram rides, hikes through fields of wildflowers, and brunch with breathtaking views.

Hundreds of miles of hiking and biking trails are easily accessible from the U campus, but a short drive (or a ride on public transit) opens up countless options. Quiet alpine lakes, beautiful aspen forests, and unbeatable views from mountain peaks reward hikers of all skill levels.

“Backpacking, fishing, mountain biking, skiing, climbing, and canyoneering are all at your fingertips!” – KAILEY TETRICK
INDULGE YOUR “FOODIE” SIDE
Utah is consistently praised for its remarkable local food scene, as well as its award-winning craft breweries and distilleries. Inventive and locally-sourced cuisine, impressive beer bars, creative restaurateurs, and thoughtful sommeliers have earned Salt Lake City a place in the hearts of foodies around the country.

Salt Lake City hosts bustling farmers markets in the summer and winter, featuring a variety of local produce, grains, protein, and crafts. The U also enjoys a smaller farmers market in the fall, with fresh produce grown in the campus’ two edible gardens.

SAVOR ART, MUSIC & MORE
Utah has a rich tradition of film, music, and art that draws in and inspires people from around the world. While the internationally-acclaimed Sundance Film Festival is based in Park City – a short and scenic 30-minute drive from the U campus – many Sundance films are also screened in downtown Salt Lake City during the annual event. Two independent Salt Lake City theaters bring back many Sundance films throughout the year, along with many other documentaries and international films.

Ballet West, the Utah Symphony, Utah Opera, and the Utah Shakespeare Festival are just a few of the performing arts treasures of the state. Salt Lake City hosts multiple outdoor concert series every summer, as well as a multi-day arts festival and monthly gallery strolls. Professional, Broadway-caliber live theater is readily available at the Eccles Theater – an exciting new performing arts center in downtown Salt Lake – and at a number of the city’s playhouses.

Salt Lake City’s many concert venues host some of today’s hottest names in music, as well as local talent bound to go big. Affordable performances by musicians in all genres guarantee something for everyone.

“‘The increasing diversity at the U and its surrounding community means you can find incredible Latino food in West Salt Lake City and Asian markets dotted throughout Utah.’” — DR. ANNIE FUKUSHIMA

SPEAK UP AND GET INVOLVED
Visitors are often surprised by Salt Lake City’s progressive, civically engaged social justice advocates. Free events throughout the city – planned by a wide range of organizations – foster ongoing discussions about some of the state’s and country’s most pressing issues. The state capitol and legislators are easily accessible, enabling voters to engage lawmakers in these discussions.

In 2015, the state passed a landmark anti-discrimination bill, protecting LGBT people from employment and housing discrimination. Salt Lake City’s annual Pride Festival is one of the largest in the nation and often includes Utah’s openly LGBTQ elected officials. In 2016, Utah voters elected the first transgender U.S. Senate nominee from a major political party.

Active cooperation and coordination between lawmakers, scholars, and residents has led to innovative approaches such as the Housing First initiative. Housing First’s success in moving people who experience chronic homelessness off the streets has been lauded across the country and is serving as a model for other states.

SCORE GREAT SEATS
Utah has fans! The University of Utah’s football, gymnastics, basketball, swimming, and baseball teams have plenty of loyal fans. Utahns also enjoy cheering for the state’s NBA team, the Utah Jazz; the Triple-A baseball team, the Salt Lake Bees; and the Major League Soccer team, Real Salt Lake.

With the Salt Lake International Airport just minutes from downtown, and Las Vegas, Los Angeles, and Denver within a day’s drive, it’s easy for fans to cheer on their favorite teams at away games.