



Provost Perspectives

A newsletter from the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

As students and faculty have returned to campus after summer break, many robust conversations about the values and aspirations of our university community have resumed in earnest. Last week, I shared my thoughts on the U's commitment to maintain a community based on respect, support and appreciation of diverse viewpoints and experiences with several groups, including the Council of Academic Deans, Black Faculty and Staff Association and Academic Senate. Please see this [link](#) to read a recap of the Academic Senate meeting. I look forward to continued conversation this year as we reimagine how to ensure that the U remains a welcoming place where faculty are successful and every student graduates. Creating a culture of caring is a shared responsibility — one which I am personally dedicated to building through using our resources to overcome the many barriers and challenges that our students face in college. Not all students face the same obstacles, but we know that higher education has the power to change the lives of everyone who earns a degree. Therefore, we owe it to our students to do everything in our power to make those dreams a reality. This year, I will continue to [host](#) Coffee, Cocoa and Tea with the Provost to provide opportunities for open conversation as we continue to work together for the good of our students, faculty and staff. I look forward to ongoing discussions about strengthening our community and achieving the university's mission.



College of Law among top 10 for research

For the first time, the S.J. Quinney College of Law is among the top 10 public universities in terms of scholarly impact. According to a study tracking Scholarly Impact Ranking of law faculty, the U rose six places overall from 2022.

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New bioinformatics major is launched

A new bioinformatics major in the College of Science launched this fall. The degree is a blend of mathematics, statistics, life sciences and computer science that will help graduates thrive in biotechnology, genomics and similar fields.

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One-U RAI launches faculty fellows programs

The University of Utah's One-U Responsible Artificial Intelligence Initiative (One-U RAI) this week launched two programs to drive progress in its thematic areas. The faculty fellows and distinguished visitors programs will fund experts working to harness AI for the betterment of the [environment](#), [healthcare and wellness](#), and [teaching and learning](#)—areas where the U has deep research strengths.

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Request a U Career Success workshop

U Career Success is offering a variety of career development workshops that faculty can integrate into their classes. Career coaches will come to workshop classrooms and streamline career development directly into curriculum with minimal effort. The goal is to provide students with the skills and knowledge needed to find their own version of success after graduation.

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University Teaching Committee deadlines announced

University Teaching Committee nomination and application deadlines for the 2024-25 academic year are as follows:

[Distinguished Teaching Awards](#): Deadline - Friday, September 20, 2024

[University Teaching Grants](#): Deadlines - Wednesday, October 2, 2024 / Monday, January 27, 2025 / Wednesday, March 7, 2025

[Calvin S. and JeNeal N. Hatch Prize in Teaching](#): Deadline - Monday, October 14, 2024

[John R. Park Teaching Fellowships](#): Deadline - Monday, November 11, 2024

[Community Engaged Teaching and Scholarship Award](#): Deadline - Monday, November 11, 2024

[Early Career Teaching Awards](#): Deadline - Friday, December 6, 2024

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