

## UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

Utah State University is a comprehensive research university whose instructional, research and public service programs advance scientific and humanistic knowledge while serving the educational, cultural and economic needs of Utah. Since its establishment in March 1888, Utah State has been committed to intellectual freedom and the advancement of knowledge through excellence in scholarship, research and teaching. Utah State continues to be committed to generating, disseminating, and preserving knowledge, and to working with others to bring this knowledge to bear on the world's great challenges. Furthermore, Utah State is dedicated to providing its students with an education that combines rigorous academic study and the excitement of discovery with the support and intellectual stimulation of a diverse campus community. With 43 departments in seven academic colleges, a School of Graduate Studies and University Extension, Utah State is in an excellent position to offer excellent opportunities for both students and faculty to enjoy many rewarding research and learning experiences.

Faculty members are committed to providing high-quality undergraduate and graduate training and instruction to the more than 23,000 students attending Utah State, while maintaining their position at the forefront of research and scholarship. The faculty members work with graduate teaching and research assistants in the classroom and on research projects. The many prestigious honors and awards bestowed on the faculty attest to its level of excellence.

Utah State University is the sole land-grant university in Utah as well as one of the two Utah based space-grant universities. As such, Utah State has a leading role in the economic development of the state and region. For example, extramural support in the form of grants and contracts for research-related activities totaled more than \$120 million in fiscal year 2004-2005. Further economic development is realized through the effective transfer of research from the laboratory to commercial enterprises. To that end, Utah State has an aggressive position in the identification of intellectual property, the commercialization of new technologies, and the development of research programs that will benefit the university as well as the region and state.

Utah State also brings government, business, and education together on its Innovation Campus with the goal of stimulating economic development. The Space Dynamics Laboratory and its related components on the Innovation Campus, the Agricultural Experiment Station, the Utah Water Research Laboratory and the Merrill-Cazier Library are just a few of the resources Utah State relies upon to achieve the economic, educational, research and service related goals.