THE OPPORTUNITY

The University of Nebraska invites applications and nominations for the position of President of the University of Nebraska. The President is the chief executive officer of the University and provides overall leadership for its multi-campus system.

The University of Nebraska is the state’s only public university and has served Nebraskans through teaching, research, and engagement for 150 years. The University’s four campuses—which include a leading Big Ten flagship campus in Lincoln, a metropolitan campus in Omaha, an undergraduate-focused campus in Kearney, and an academic health science center in Omaha—are home to over 52,000 students and a workforce of 16,000 faculty and staff.

A tremendous asset to Nebraska and its citizens—academically, culturally, and economically—the University strives to help build and sustain a state that offers educational and economic opportunities and an excellent quality of life. As one of the state’s most prominent public leaders, the President also serves as a vital advocate for education and economic development.

THE BOARD OF REGENTS’ CORE LEADERSHIP PILLARS

• **Proven Leader** – demonstrated ability to lead and manage a large, complex organization, work effectively with the elected Board of Regents, build a strong leadership team, and possess a commitment to integrity and ethics.

• **Strategic Thinker** – ability to articulate a vision for the future of the University of Nebraska that can be developed into a strategic plan.

• **Prioritizes Higher Education, Academic, and Research Excellence** – understands, appreciates, and prioritizes excellence in higher education, academics, research; and its importance to faculty, students, and their families, and the state.
• **Committed to “One Nebraska”** – ability to develop and implement more collaboration and cooperation among the four campuses that leads to the whole being greater than the sum of its parts. Maximizes the economic impact to the state. Connects with Nebraskans—rural and urban.

• **Political Acumen** – ability to develop and maintain effective working relationships with the Governor, members of the Legislature, and other elected officials across the state.

• **Capable of Fundraising** – ability to develop and cultivate relationships with potential donors and work with the University of Nebraska Foundation to design major capital campaigns.

• **Values Diversity and Inclusion** – understands and appreciates the importance of campuses having students, faculty, and staff from diverse backgrounds and campuses that are inclusive and welcoming to all.

• **Values University as a Global Leader** – views the University of Nebraska having an impact across the world through its academic programs, research, and service.

• **Values Intercollegiate Athletics** – understands and appreciates intercollegiate athletics, especially Husker Athletics; and views it as an important door to the University of Nebraska.

### QUALIFICATIONS AND KEY LEADERSHIP ATTRIBUTES

Successful candidates will possess an earned terminal degree from an accredited institution and/or significant senior level leadership experience in higher education and/or the private/public sector. A Ph.D. is preferred, but not required.

In addition to the Core Leadership Pillars, other preferred leadership attributes include:

• Someone who is innovative; one who can motivate others; someone who challenges the status-quo; an agent of change
• Someone who gives energy to great ideas; thinks broadly; has high integrity, empathy, and humility

• A transparent, approachable, collaborative individual; a strong communicator with principles and gravitas

• Someone who can grasp new ideas quickly; one who can understand and appreciate the values of Nebraska and its people

• An individual who has a well-developed sense of the global nature of higher education, as well as its applications locally

• Someone who values and enjoys working with people who can be strong allies of the University of Nebraska

• An individual who fully understands and appreciates the University of Nebraska’s land-grant mission and its impact on the entire state

• An individual who has the capacity for involving myriad different voices in the conversation in order to enrich the quality of decision-making

• Someone who believes in the student-centered nature of higher education, and its vital emphasis in student success

• An individual who fully understands and appreciates the University of Nebraska’s land-grant mission and its impact on the entire state

• Someone who values and respects the work of the faculty—teaching, research, and service—and professional staff

• An individual who wants to make a difference, not only within the University, but also the state

• Someone who has had experience in the vital role the university plays in economic development

• An individual who can grasp the importance of agriculture to the University and state of Nebraska, especially the value of agricultural research that leads to intellectual property

• Someone who believes in being visible throughout the entire state
• An individual who believes in active, engaged leadership—listens, develops a plan, acts

• Someone who can grasp the University’s relationship with the military branches, particularly in research, but also in providing educational opportunities for those in the military

• Someone who values the importance of cutting-edge medical research and clinical work

• An individual who has a well-developed sense of budget management

• Someone who values being a Nebraskan

**MAKING AN IMPACT**

**STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENT**

• Harnessing the Collective Strength of the University of Nebraska (“One Nebraska”)

The next President will take the helm of a University comprised of four campuses led by chancellors and located across the state—each with its own distinct identity and a shared commitment and passion for the mission of the University of Nebraska. The President will work with the chancellors to craft and execute visionary strategies for achieving a cohesive and well-integrated system that emphasizes the unique attributes and strengths of each campus while maximizing the collective intellectual capital and resources of the system in a manner that will better serve the state of Nebraska. In doing so, this individual will create and foster a system environment with a shared sense of mission and culture—“One Nebraska.”

• Promoting a 21st Century, Future-Driven Mission

As the state of Nebraska’s land-grant university, the University of Nebraska is committed to providing a higher educational environment known for its exceptional academic quality, research endeavors, and contributions to society while maintaining its storied land-grant heritage and commitment to access and student success. The next President will play a significant role in courageously advancing the University’s land-grant identity, reputation, and mission. Moreover, the President will promote and foster interdisciplinary
collaboration to ensure that the University of Nebraska’s various campuses meet the needs of rural, suburban, and urban communities across Nebraska’s broad landscape.

• **Championing Diversity**

The President must not only be committed to diversity, this individual must be an outspoken and empathetic advocate. Whether in faculty or staff recruitment and retention, or in student admissions University-wide, the President must be an inclusive leader who sets a welcoming tone and holds the institution accountable.

• **Navigating a Changing Landscape**

The President must understand and bring fresh ideas to an evolving higher education model that requires creative broadening of revenue streams coupled with bold and strategic moves to drive efficiency without compromising mission or student success.

• **Serving as the Chief Advocate for the University of Nebraska**

The President will be an authentic and passionate advocate on behalf of the University of Nebraska and its four campuses and articulate a compelling vision for the future that will inspire continued investment in the University. In addition, the President will work closely with the chancellors, governor, members of the Legislature, philanthropic organizations, industry, and citizens throughout the state to enhance their understanding of the importance of higher education and the impact the University of Nebraska has on the lives of Nebraskans everywhere.

• **Enhancing Philanthropy**

The next President must be a talented and persuasive advocate who can stimulate enthusiasm among a broad spectrum of University partners and stakeholders. The President will work to secure philanthropic resources that will accelerate the University’s upward trajectory and ensure its success supporting its students, faculty, and communities.

• **Increasing the University’s Presence—Regionally, Nationally, and Internationally**

In serving as its most ardent champion, the University of Nebraska’s next President will envision and lead future efforts in promoting and highlighting its unique campuses, programs, and offerings. The President will spearhead aggressive
efforts for increasing the University’s visibility and reputation regionally, nationally, and internationally to create opportunities for building upon the University’s distinguished history, contributions, and impact on a global scale.

**APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS**

Roderick J. McDavis, Sally Mason, Garry W. Owens, and Kimberly Templeton—all representing AGB Search—will be assisting the University of Nebraska Presidential Search Advisory Committee (PSAC). Should prospective nominators or potential candidates have questions, they are encouraged to contact a member of the AGB Search team directly by email prior to submitting materials.

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- Dr. Mason: sally.mason@agbsearch.com
- Dr. Owens: garry.owens@agbsearch.com
- Ms. Templeton: kimberly.templeton@agbsearch.com

If you wish to nominate candidates for the presidency of the University of Nebraska, please submit their names and contact information by email to a member of the AGB Search team listed above.

Applicants are encouraged to submit materials electronically by the target date of **September 6, 2019** to NebraskaPresident@agbsearch.com and should include: (1) a letter of interest describing relevant experience; and (2) a current curriculum vitae.

All candidate names will remain confidential.

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Leadership

Board of Regents

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents is a 12-member public body consisting of eight voting members popularly elected on a nonpartisan basis by regental district for six-year terms, and four non-voting student regents, one from each campus, who serve during their tenure as student body president. Members of the Board are not compensated, but are reimbursed for expenses related to their service.

The Standing Rules of the Board provide for four standing committees: Executive Committee, Academic Affairs Committee, Business Affairs Committee, and Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee. Members of the committees are appointed by the chair of the Board following consultation with other Regents.

Meetings of the full Board typically are held five times each year. The committees of the Board typically meet bimonthly. The Bylaws, Policies, and Standing Rules of the Board may be found at https://nebraska.edu/regents/bylaws-policies-and-rules.

Current members of the Board of Regents are:

- District 1 - Timothy Clare, Lincoln (Chairman)
- District 2 - Howard Hawks, Omaha
- District 3 - Jim Pillen, Columbus (Vice Chairman)
- District 4 - Elizabeth O’Connor, Omaha
- District 5 - Robert Schafer, Beatrice
- District 6 - Paul Kenney, Amherst
- District 7 - Bob Phares, North Platte
- District 8 - Barbara Weitz, Omaha
- Student Regents - Nicole Kent, UNK; Emily Johnson, UNL; Keith Ozanne, UNMC; and Aya Yousuf, UNO

University Administration

The Board of Regents has appointed Susan Fritz, Ph.D., as Interim President of the University of Nebraska. By mutual agreement with the Board, Dr. Fritz will not be a candidate for the permanent position. Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Fritz served as Executive Vice President, Provost, and Dean of the Graduate College at the University of Nebraska. She holds a faculty appointment as a professor in the department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications (ALEC) at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
The President is assisted in the administration of the affairs of the University by the four campus chancellors, who also hold the title of vice president of the University. The chancellors, as the chief administrative officers on each of the campuses, are responsible to the President and through the President to the Board of Regents. The chancellors are:

- Jeffrey P. Gold, University of Nebraska Medical Center and University of Nebraska at Omaha
- Ronnie D. Green, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Douglas A. Kristensen, University of Nebraska at Kearney

The leader of the Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michael Boehm, also holds the title of vice president and in that capacity reports to the President. He also reports to the UNL chancellor.

In addition, five vice presidents with University-wide administrative responsibilities—the Executive Vice President and Provost, Vice President for Business and Finance/CFO, Vice President and General Counsel, Vice President for University Affairs, and Vice President for Information Technology/CIO—report to the President, as does the Chief of Staff. The Corporation Secretary and the Associate Vice President/Director of Internal Audit report jointly to the President and the Board of Regents.

- David S. Jackson, Acting Executive Vice President and Provost
- Chris J. Kabourek, Vice President for Business and Finance/CFO
- James P. Potteroff, Vice President and General Counsel
- Heath M. Mello, Interim Vice President for University Affairs
- Bret R. Blackman, Vice President for Information Technology/CIO
- Philip J. Bakken, Chief of Staff
- Carmen K. Maurer, Corporation Secretary
- Michael Justus, Associate Vice President/Director of Internal Audit

Approximately 500 employees are affiliated with the University of Nebraska Central Administration.

Campuses

University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL), chartered in 1869, is an educational institution of international stature. Always a place of high ambition, UNL was one of the first institutions west of the Mississippi River to award doctoral degrees—the first, in physics, was granted in 1896. The University also established the world's first undergraduate psychology laboratory. Today, UNL is one of the nation's leading teaching institutions, and a research leader with a wide array of grant-funded projects aimed at broadening knowledge in the sciences and humanities.

UNL undergraduates—a primary focus for the campus—learn from faculty who create new knowledge, who are leading scientists and scholars, and who care about students' success.
Signature programs that exemplify this commitment to undergraduate success include:

- The **Undergraduate Creative Activities and Research Experiences Program** (UCARE), which connects faculty and students who work collaboratively on independent study projects that advance new knowledge.

- The **Jeffrey S. Raikes School of Computer Science and Management**, which develops leaders for an era of expanding information technology and business globalization. Students are selected based on high academic achievement, outstanding leadership experience, demonstrated interest in computer science and business, and career goals. The program provides an education in technology and management while developing professional skills in leadership, communications, and collaboration.

- The **Heuermann Lectures** focus on providing security in the areas of food, natural resources, and renewable energy for people, as well as on securing the sustainability of rural communities where the vital work of producing food and renewable energy occurs.

- The **University Honors Program** hosts Honors Forum talks to complement the 20-year-old E.N. Thompson Forum on World Issues.

UNL is an intellectual center for the state of Nebraska, providing leadership in education and research. UNL's federal research expenditures are over $170 million, including funds from the National Science Foundation, Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, and Department of Defense. UNL's goal is to achieve $450 million in total research expenditures by 2025.

The campus also contributes significantly to the cultural life of the state. An early institutional interest in literature and the arts provided the foundations for today's *Prairie Schooner* literary publication, for the University of Nebraska Press, the Lied Center for the Performing Arts, and for the Sheldon Museum of Art, which houses one of the world's most significant collections of 20th-century American art. And, UNL's prominent athletic programs are a cultural touchstone for Nebraska, with nationally competitive football, volleyball, and other teams.

**Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources**

The Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR), part of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, serves Nebraska by providing internationally recognized science and education to ensure the state’s competitiveness in a changing world. IANR was formed in 1974, a result of legislative action recognizing the critical role agriculture and natural resources play in the state’s success.

IANR strives to achieve excellence in the life sciences, ranging from molecular to global systems; sustainable food, fiber, and natural resource systems that support a bio-based economy; economics and environments for a sustainable future; and human capital development of children, youth, and families. IANR faculty, staff, and extension educators do that by advancing knowledge along the continuum from fundamental research to application and education; preparing professionals for the future; creating and implementing solutions to critical problems; expanding partnerships across UNL and the University of Nebraska; and cultivating public-private partnerships.
IANR collaborates with the Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine on a unique professional program in veterinary medicine. Nebraska resident students who are admitted and enroll in the program complete the first two years of the veterinary curriculum at UNL and the last two at ISU, paying ISU resident veterinary tuition for all four years of enrollment.

Institute faculty and staff have appointments in the Agricultural Research Division, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, College of Education and Human Sciences, School of Natural Resources, Nebraska Forest Service, and the Nebraska Statewide Arboretum. IANR also includes UNL Extension, which serves all 93 counties in the state by delivering research-based knowledge that Nebraskans can immediately use in their lives, businesses, families, and communities. Extension’s key focus areas include: animal agriculture; crops for the future; children, youth, and families; entrepreneurship; food, nutrition, and health; and water and the environment. More than 140,000 Nebraska youth are involved in UNL Extension’s 4-H programs, per capita one of the highest enrollments in the country.

**Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture**

Located 45 miles southeast of North Platte and Interstate 80, Curtis, a community of 800 residents, is home to the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture (NCTA), a two-year institution administered by IANR at UNL. NCTA occupies a 72-acre campus and a 562-acre farm which serves as a field laboratory. The farm includes grain storage facilities, cattle growing and finishing facilities, and a completely diversified dry land and irrigated farming operation.

NCTA was established in 1965 as a land-grant institution, and remains the oldest college campus that was previously a high school and is still functioning today as an educational institution. The campus is rich in history with many of the original buildings, including Ag Hall, still being used. NCTA blends its history with the latest in technology as it continuously improves and adds new facilities to the campus, including a new Education Center and new residence halls. NCTA is also home to a 3,400-square-foot greenhouse that is one of the largest greenhouse facilities of any two-year institution.

**Nebraska Innovation Campus**

Nebraska Innovation Campus (NIC) is a research and development campus designed to facilitate new and more in-depth partnerships between the University and the private sector. NIC, which was launched in 2010 when the University acquired the former state fairgrounds adjacent to UNL City Campus, has a theme of “food, fuel, and water,” capitalizing on UNL research strengths and areas of importance to Nebraska. It will provide long-term economic benefits to the state by expanding University research and building mutually beneficial partnerships among the private sector, government, and University.

When fully built, NIC is expected to including more than 2 million square feet of research, meeting, and office space. As many as 7,000 people could eventually work at NIC, with one-third of those employed by the University and two-thirds employed by private businesses looking to take advantage of the strategic location of NIC that allows them to easily access University talent.
University of Nebraska Medical Center

As Nebraska’s only public academic health sciences center, the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) has a mission to improve the health of Nebraskans through premier educational programs, innovative research, high-quality patient care, and outreach to underserved populations. The talented faculty, staff, and scientists affiliated with UNMC are committed to educating the next generation of Nebraska’s healthcare workers, to finding cures and treatments for devastating diseases, to providing the best care for patients, and to serving the state and its communities through award-winning outreach.

UNMC is home to six colleges and two institutes, serving a record number of students in more than two dozen programs. UNMC’s primary care program was recently ranked eighth in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, and the physician assistant program tied for 15th. The campus’ physical therapy, pharmacy, and nursing master’s programs continue to be ranked among the top in the country.

On the research side, UNMC is the home of dedicated scientists who work at the forefront of fields such as transplant medicine, cancer, neurodevelopment, and genomics. With collaboration from a highly engaged community of skilled professionals and access to world-class facilities, UNMC researchers identify and focus on critical questions that lead to new knowledge and life-changing therapies. UNMC has goals to strategically grow funded research, develop globally recognized research programs, and improve the health of Nebraskans.

The UNMC of today builds on a rich history that dates to the 19th century, including the state’s first medical college, a dental college, a pharmacy college, nursing college, allied health training programs, and a graduate college. In later years, expansions included College of Nursing brick-and-mortar sites in Omaha, Lincoln, Kearney, Scottsbluff, and Norfolk.

Other expansions—fueled largely by private giving—include the Center for Drug Discovery and Lozier Center for Pharmacy Sciences and Education; the Lauritzen Outpatient Center, which includes the Fritch Surgery Center; the Fred & Pamela Buffett Cancer Center, which shapes cancer care, research, and education in Nebraska, the region, and the world; and the Dr. Edwin Davis & Dorothy Balbach Davis Global Center for Advanced Interprofessional Learning, which will house and support the activities of UNMC’s Interprofessional Experiential Center for Enduring Learning, an initiative more commonly known as iEXCEL. iEXCEL includes advanced simulation clinical settings and virtual immersive reality technology that will transform how health science education and clinical care is delivered through competency-based learning and assessment.

Nebraska Medicine

Nebraska Medicine is the primary clinical teaching partner for UNMC, which allows patients to benefit from one of the nation’s leaders in cutting-edge research and education. Many Nebraska Medicine physicians trained at and now teach at UNMC. Together, the two organizations have approximately 12,000 employees, making it the largest employer in Omaha.

Nebraska Medicine performed the first “frozen elephant truck” heart procedure in the U.S. (2006); and in 2014, it became one of three hospitals in the nation to have successfully treated patients with the Ebola virus.
University of Nebraska at Omaha

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) is Nebraska’s premier metropolitan research university, offering nationally recognized bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees at competitive prices that meet the diverse needs of traditional and nontraditional students. UNO spans more than 150 acres on multiple campuses in the heart of Omaha—a testament to the fact that UNO is driven by an extraordinary connection to and partnership with the city it calls home.

Since its inception in 1908, UNO has been firmly anchored in the community, forging partnerships with business, education, government, arts, and civic organizations. Early founders of UNO had a desire for a learning environment “free from ecclesiastical control” and for a university within reach of anyone who sought higher education. Accessibility is a commitment that remains an important part of UNO’s mission and vision.

By 1930, Omaha voters approved taking over control of the University of Omaha, making it the city’s first and only municipal university. Over time, UNO became the state’s metropolitan university and the symbiotic relationship between UNO and the city of Omaha has only grown stronger.

By the 1930s, UNO adopted adult education and continuing studies programs that were progressive for the time, focusing on access, lifelong learning, and educating students for employment. To this day, UNO prides itself on preparing students for careers and narrowing the gap between student life and career life.

Since UNO became part of the University of Nebraska in 1968, there has been a flurry of growth—from Mammel Hall, the state-of-the-art, 120,000-square-foot home of the College of Business Administration, to the Health, Physical Education and Recreation (HPER) building, one of the premier university recreation centers in the country. UNO has renovated more than half of its academic space in recent years. Student housing has been constructed, allowing more students to live on campus and fully experience all that UNO has to offer. UNO has take its athletics programs to the next level, joining the ranks of NCAA Division I sports in the Summit League. On the academic side, priorities include early childhood education, global engagement, STEM fields, and sustainability. UNO is widely recognized for its military friendliness with a presence at Offutt Air Force Base since 1950 and its connections to urban, regional, national, and global communities.

It is in part thanks to its rich, layered history that Mavericks today know they are a part of a University committed to diversity and inclusion. The opportunity to create the next chapter continues as the University of Nebraska at Omaha addresses the changing needs of the metropolitan area, state, region, and world.

University of Nebraska at Kearney

The University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) is an affordable, student-centered regional hub of intellectual, cultural, and artistic excellence that has been a prominent part of Nebraska’s higher education landscape for more than a century. UNK offers more than 170 undergraduate, pre-professional, and graduate degree options in a range of fields including education, business, fine arts, the humanities, and natural sciences. Programs are taught by nationally renowned faculty who are passionate about teaching.
What truly distinguishes UNK is its commitment to providing an outstanding education in a small and personal setting. UNK’s student body is a close-knit and supportive community of friends, and its campus truly serves as a “home away from home” for many students. The campus offers more than 170 student organizations, nationally respected music and performing arts programs, and a successful intercollegiate athletics program. UNK also has strong ties to the Kearney community, and many local businesses hire UNK students as interns and then as full-time employees when they graduate. The Museum of Nebraska Art (MONA), an important regional center for cultural activity, including more than 5,000 works of art, also is located in Kearney.

Originally a teachers college, UNK became Kearney State College in 1963, before joining the University of Nebraska in 1991. Today it is an important hub of economic activity for rural Nebraska.

University-wide Institutes and Programs

Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute

Every day, nearly a billion people in the world are food-insecure, without enough safe and nutritious food to lead healthy and active lives. Many of them are also water-insecure, without reliable access to an adequate amount of clean water to meet their needs. By 2050, our global food demand will double to meet the needs of nearly 10 billion people. To ensure sustainable food and water security in the face of population and income increases, a changing climate, and the growing demand for scarce water resources, it is imperative to improve water management in agricultural and food systems.

Nebraska has one of the most progressive and prosperous agricultural industries in the world thanks to plentiful natural resources, the ingenuity and hard work of our farmers, and the research leadership of the University of Nebraska. In 2010, the Robert B. Daugherty Foundation selected the University to harness this well-rounded combination for a new institute focused on ensuring water and food security for our growing world. The Robert B. Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute was founded to leverage the University’s expertise and extend it with strong state, national, and international partnerships.

Through research and policy development, education, and communication, the Institute is enhancing knowledge, fostering future water and food security leaders, and developing effective techniques to sustainably manage water and increase food security.

Buffett Early Childhood Institute

The Buffett Early Childhood Institute (BECI) emerged from the shared vision of the University of Nebraska leadership and Susie Buffett, a longtime philanthropist and champion of early childhood education and development. The vision was to transform early childhood development—especially for children at risk—by leveraging the resources of the four campuses of the University of Nebraska and applying the best of what is known about the science and benefits of early childhood intervention. The Institute is intended to focus on applied research, professional preparation for early childhood educators and providers, public policy, and outreach to all corners of the state—and beyond.

The mission of BECI is that Nebraska will become the best place in the nation to be a baby.
National Strategic Research Institute

Defending America and its allies against increasingly sophisticated attacks, whether from chemical and biological weapons of mass destruction, cyber warfare, or nuclear weapons, is the goal of the National Strategic Research Institute (NSRI). One of only 14 University-Affiliated Research Centers (UARCs) in the country, NSRI was established in 2012 in partnership with USSTRATCOM and the U.S. Department of Defense to ensure the United States’ safety and preparedness.

University of Nebraska Online

The University of Nebraska Online is NU’s collaborative online initiative providing access to academically-respected degrees offered online by the four campuses of the University of Nebraska and University of Nebraska High School. NU Online continues the University's long history of providing high-quality, flexible distance education programs designed to meet the needs of a diverse set of learners, helping build careers and enhance lives. Over 130 online programs are currently offered.

Innovation and Economic Competitiveness

Universities are hubs of intellectual activity, creativity, and innovation. The University of Nebraska has made it a priority for each of its campuses to serve as a center of economic energy, both geographically and intellectually. Through the work of talented faculty, engagement with the community, and partnerships with the private sector, the University has experienced tremendous success in creating a culture of innovation and fostering entrepreneurship and economic growth. Nebraska Innovation Campus, for example, leverages faculty expertise in food science, energy, and water to create new jobs and spinoff companies. Ak-Sar-Ben Village in Omaha and the UNK University Village project create new social and business intersections between the University campuses and their communities.

A wholly-owned NU non-profit, umbrella organization, the University Technology Development Corporation (UTDC) exists to provide opportunities for faculty to take their breakthroughs from the lab to the marketplace. UTDC subsidiaries, including NUtech Ventures in Lincoln and UNeMed in Omaha, have been instrumental in helping faculty commercialize their research into products and practices that benefit Nebraskans, in areas as diverse as medicine, engineering, chemistry, agriculture, and others. For example, a UNL engineer and UNMC surgeon have collaborated to create Virtual Incision Corp., a startup company based on their shared interest in robotics technology. The company will commercialize their development of miniature surgical robots that can be inserted through a tiny incision and perform minimally invasive surgery, significantly reducing the patient’s pain and recovery time.
Fundraising

The University of Nebraska Foundation is an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit that exists for one purpose: to advance the University of Nebraska. With offices in Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney, the Foundation connects the passions of donors to the mission of the University, stewarding donor generosity across the four campuses to support students, faculty, research, academics, facilities, and more.

In fiscal year 2018, the Foundation received $186 million in gifts and had total assets of $2.5 billion. More than 99 percent of the Foundation’s assets are restricted by donors to a specific use by the University.

The Foundation finished its student-focused fundraising initiative—Our Students, Our Future—on December 31, 2017, which resulted in $217 million raised over a two-year period for scholarships, libraries, a performing arts center, and other areas that directly benefit students.

For more information about the Foundation, please visit: https://nufoundation.org

Location

The President of the University of Nebraska will work primarily from the system administration offices in Lincoln. A city of more than 280,000 people and growing, Nebraska’s capital city offers the ambiance of a friendly small town and the amenities, attractions, and entertainment opportunities of a larger metropolitan area. Lincoln’s stable economy, moderate cost of living, low crime rates, growing diversity, world-class healthcare facilities, outstanding public and private schools, and a commitment to community are the Midwestern ideal.

For more information about Lincoln and the surrounding region, please visit any of these websites:

- https://lincoln.org
- https://selectlincoln.org