



Position Profile Chief Audit Executive December 2022

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THE INSTITUTION



The **University of Utah** (the U) is the state's flagship institution of higher education, with 18 schools and colleges, more than 100 undergraduate and 90 graduate degree programs, and an enrollment of more than 32,000 students. In 2019, the University joined the Association of American Universities, an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions, which are focused on serving the increasingly diverse student population at the U. In Fall 2021, domestic students of color accounted for more than 30% of the undergraduate population—up from 18% in 2009.

The U is located in Salt Lake City, one of the most dynamic and fastest-growing—economically and culturally—metropolises in the U.S. The city is uniquely situated to offer both unmatched outdoor and exciting urban experiences, with mountain vistas only a few steps away and vast red-rock desert landscapes within reach of a scenic afternoon drive. Additionally, the Utah Asia Campus was established in 2014 and is located in Songdo International Business District in South Korea. Students attending the Utah Asia Campus find the same world-class U.S. academic experience offered at the campus in Salt Lake City.

At the U, you'll find world-class research, education, and clinical care complemented by a lively social, cultural, and athletic campus experience. An unparalleled spirit of entrepreneurship, collaboration, and community service has enabled the U to innovate across fields, pioneer new programs with social impact, generate path-breaking discoveries, fuel critical research, and inspire innovative approaches to education.

President Taylor R. Randall became the 17th President of the University of Utah in August 2021, following a prior tenure as the dean of the University's David Eccles School of Business. Under his leadership, the Eccles School gained a national reputation as a place of innovation, garnering top 10 entrepreneurship rankings for both undergraduate and graduate programs. During his time as dean, the value of an Eccles School education increased dramatically. He established the First Ascent Scholars Program, which cultivates, encourages, and enables academically focused students with significant financial needs to attend the Eccles School. President Randall recently released his [strategic vision](#) for the University of Utah calling for increased enrollment to 40,000 students and an increase in research funding to \$1 billion by 2025. This plan emphasizes the collaboration between the main and health campuses at the University of Utah, which is referred to as "One U." Working together across campus will allow the U to meet the vision described by President Randall to accelerate the University's rise as it focuses on four overarching goals: student success, knowledge transfer, community engagement, and institutional vitality.

The U strives to be a model public university in delivering unmatched value in higher education and health care while making social, economic, and cultural contributions that improve the quality of life throughout the state, the nation, and the world. The U's reputation for excellence draws top-tier faculty and attracts motivated students nationally and internationally. Students bring diverse experiences and outlooks – representing traditional and nontraditional students alike – thereby enhancing the exceptional educational experience the U offers.

Learn more at utah.edu.



THE OPPORTUNITY

Chief Audit Executive

The Position

The University of Utah Chief Audit Executive (CAE) serves as the institution's chief internal auditor and leads the Internal Audit Department across the entire enterprise. The position is governed by Utah Code §631-5 (Utah Internal Audit Act), Utah State Board of Higher Education Policy R567 (Internal Audit Program), and University of Utah Policy 3-019 (Internal Audit Policy).

The Internal Audit Department functions as an independent appraisal and assurance function. It is intended to be a protective and constructive link between policy-making and operational levels and is authorized access to all records and personnel pertinent to audit engagements. The CAE has appraisal and assurance responsibility for all University functions and organizations, including hospitals and all related organizations; which are subject to audit.

The CAE reports functionally to the President of the University and to the Chair of the Board of Trustees Audit Committee, and administratively to the Chief Financial Officer.

The CAE meets regularly with the Board of Trustees Audit Committee to keep the committee apprised of audit, compliance, and risk issues and report the results of audits. This position also works directly with the President, vice presidents, and other senior executives to stay informed and provide advice about strategic, governance, and risk issues. The CAE must effectively work in a collegial manner and maintain strong working relationships with persons at varying levels, both internal and external to the University.

Responsibilities

- Serve as liaison to the Board of Trustees Audit Committee. This includes coordinating with the audit committee chair regarding meeting agendas.
- Meet regularly with members of the Board of Trustees Audit Committee and annually with the Board of Higher Education audit committee.

- Communicate and coordinate with external auditors and other assurance providers to achieve appropriate coverage and minimize duplication of effort.
- Plan, direct, and monitor the enterprise-wide internal audit function in compliance with applicable policies, laws, and auditing standards.
- Develop and execute a comprehensive audit plan each year using an appropriate risk-based methodology, in accordance with standards for the professional practice of internal auditing.
- Participate in institutional risk assessments and conduct other risk assessments as necessary to create risk-based audit plans and projects.
- Administer and maintain the University's Ethics & Compliance hotline. Conduct investigations of hotline reports or otherwise ensure that reports are referred to the appropriate level of management for follow-up.
- Oversee or conduct investigations of known or suspected fraud or other irregularities.
- Fulfill administrative and leadership functions for the Internal Audit Department, including hiring, supervision, and other personnel decisions; managing the departmental budget and resources; overseeing departmental strategic planning; and maintaining a professional staff with sufficient knowledge, skills, experience, and professional certifications to meet policy requirements and other internal and external directives.
- Establish and maintain a quality assurance and improvement program to ensure compliance, consistency, and quality in the internal audit function's operations.

Qualifications

Required:

- A Bachelor's degree and either the CPA (Certified Public Accountant) or CIA (Certified Internal Auditor) designation.
- A minimum of seven years of professional audit and/or compliance experience within progressively responsible positions.
- A record of successfully navigating management and leadership responsibilities within an audit and/or compliance operation.
- Evidence of strong communication skills and a record of establishing collaborative working partnerships.

Preferred:

- Advanced degrees and additional professional certifications.
- Experience in building, training, and developing strong audit teams.
- Audit and/or management experience at a large institution of higher education.
- Experience at an institution with a healthcare component and/or a major research enterprise is a plus.





PROCEDURE FOR CANDIDACY

Confidential review of applications will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled; **parties who apply by January 13, 2023 will be given first consideration.** Upon application, please submit a PDF version of your CV/resume and a cover letter that describes both your motivation for application and how your leadership experience aligns with the key qualifications of the role.

All applications and nominations will be held in confidence. To apply online, go to:

<https://theapplicantmanager.com/jobs?pos=su340>

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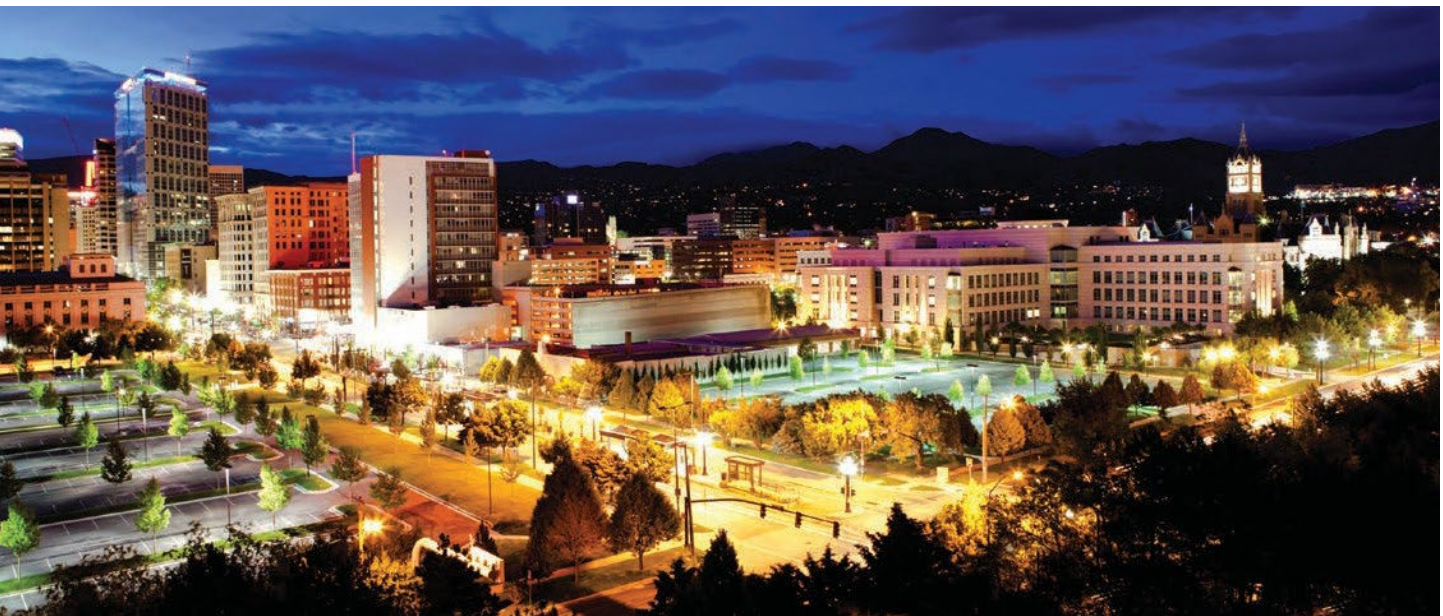
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SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH



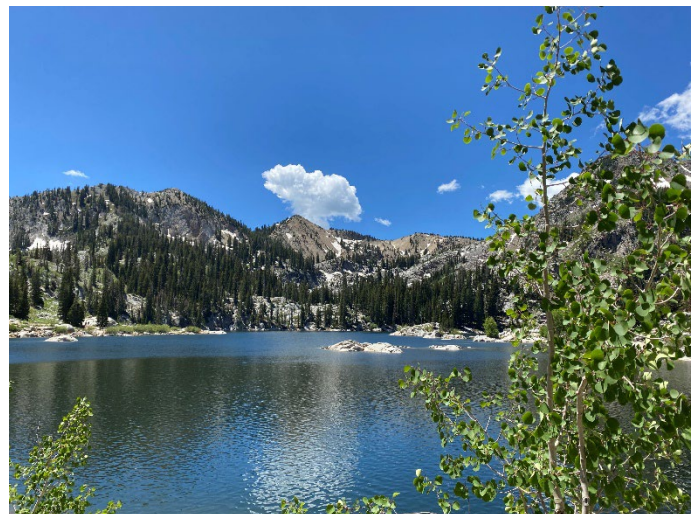
Along the east bench of Salt Lake City, the University of Utah is nestled into the foothills of the beautiful Wasatch Mountains. At the edge of campus – which encompasses the state arboretum – a natural stream winds its way through Red Butte Garden and a well-maintained hiking and biking trail crosses 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 199,700 (over 1M in the greater metropolitan area) 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

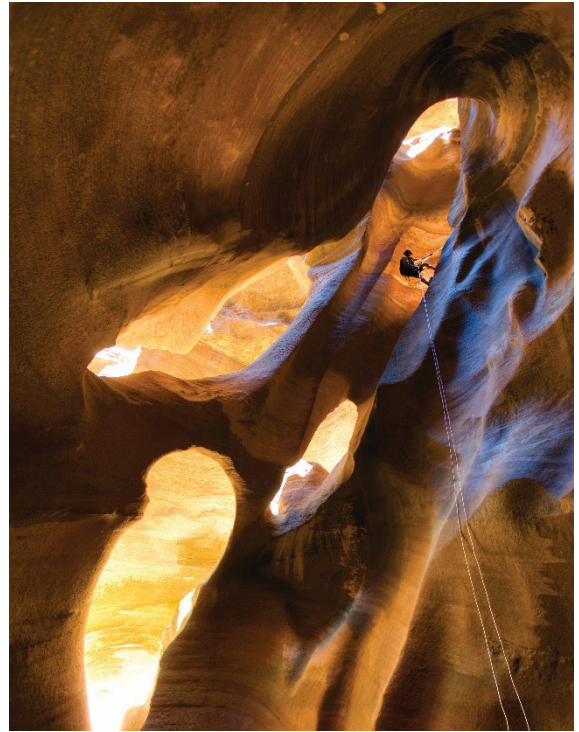
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EXPLORE THE GREAT OUTDOORS

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.



"Salt Lake City is amazing, offering such a rich diversity of activities. From the arts to the outdoors, the adventures seem endless and I am excited to continue exploring all the city and surrounding area have to offer." –DR. ADAM HANLEY

University of Utah Faculty Member





SAVOR ART, MUSIC AND 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, including the University of Utah’s own Pioneer Theater Company.

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.

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.



“The increasing diversity at the U and its surrounding community means you can find incredible Latino food in the West Salt Lake City and Asian markets

dotted throughout Utah.” – DR. ANNIE FUKUSHIMA

University of Utah Faculty Member



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 have 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.

