The Utah Board of Higher Education invites nominations and applications for the position of President of the University of Utah, the state’s flagship institution of higher education and one of 16 institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education.

The University of Utah was founded in 1850, and its main campus is located in Salt Lake City on the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, neighboring seven world-class ski resorts. Its Utah and international campuses serve more than 33,000 students from across the U.S. and around the world. With more than 90 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 100 major fields of study at the graduate level, the university prepares students to live and compete in the global workplace. The U, with its emphasis on sustainability and environmental responsibility, encourages an active, holistic lifestyle and collaborative thinking to engage students, faculty and business leaders.

The Carnegie Foundation classifies the University of Utah as an R1: Doctoral University—Very High Research Institution. In 2019, the University of Utah was invited to join the prestigious Association of American Universities, which requires its member institutions to engage at the highest levels of research, scholarship and education. Notably, in fiscal year 2020, the university obtained a historic high of $603 million in research funding, which benefits higher education, the state of Utah and society as a whole by creating new knowledge, jobs and patents. In 2017, the Milken Institute recognized the U as No. 1 in its Best Universities for Technology Transfer listing. The U is also a member of the Pac-12 Conference.

The U leads not only in research but in instruction and innovation as well, including in its nationally heralded health care system. For the sixth consecutive year, the University of Utah Hospital was ranked No. 1 in Utah and the Salt Lake City metro area by U.S. News & World Report. With strong community ties, the university’s nationally ranked colleges of Health, Nursing, and Pharmacy and schools of Dentistry and Medicine provide tens of thousands of hours of service yearly to Utahns—visiting more than 20 rural communities as part of the Rural & Under-served Utah Training Experience in 2020. Unique among its peers, the university’s health sciences campus and principal campus are contiguously located, providing unparalleled opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration and discovery.

The president is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Utah Board of Higher Education and—with oversight from the university’s Board of Trustees—is responsible for the overall administration of the university. The successful candidate must be committed to preserving, fostering and expanding the University of Utah’s distinguished legacy of research and scholarship; accordingly, candidates will have demonstrated success in a leadership role, preferably at a research university. Ideal candidates will also have a proven record of scholarly achievement in higher education, experience and success in fundraising, and leadership qualities essential for leading a large, culturally diverse and complex academic and research institution. The university’s foremost priority is student success. Successful candidates must demonstrate how they will provide all students with academic rigor and impactful experiences while nurturing strong student, staff and faculty relationships.
The university is committed to equity, diversity, inclusion and anti-racism, which is central to its mission and is evident throughout its campuses and curriculum. Candidates must be inclusive in their methods and perspectives and create a culture where these practices can flourish and develop leadership across races, genders and cultures. The next president of the university must be committed to cultivating environments of intellectual engagement and exploration that are supportive of and safe for all university community members.

Ideal candidates will also recognize that the university has grown to serve more than just its students but surrounding communities as well. The next president must excel at developing strong public-private partnerships, establishing critical relationships with government and community leaders and donors, and providing collaborative leadership alongside colleagues within the System. The next president will be expected to expand the reputation, visibility and influence of the University of Utah nationally and internationally. A terminal degree or equivalent is required.

Application materials should include a current curriculum vitae and a letter addressing how the candidate’s experiences match the position requirements. WittKieffer is assisting the University of Utah in this search. For fullest consideration, candidate materials should be received by May 13, 2021. Application materials should be submitted using WittKieffer’s candidate portal. Nominations and inquiries can be directed to: Zachary A. Smith, Ph.D., John Thornburgh and Amy Crutchfield at: utahpresident@wittkieffer.com

The Presidential Search Committee will begin reviewing candidate nominations and applications in May 2021. This process will offer full confidentiality for all candidates, until the point where finalists are selected and publicly identified.

For more information about the university, visit presidentsearch.utah.edu. To learn more about the Utah System of Higher Education, visit ushe.edu. The University of Utah is an Equal Opportunity Employer.
First and foremost, the next president should continue to sustain—and leverage—the momentum that has been built at the University of Utah in recent years. The impressive gains that the U has made in enrollment, facilities, programs, research and reputation have dramatically strengthened its profile as a national research university. The next chapters of growth, however, may not be as tangible. The U’s infrastructure is now fully robust and prepares the university to optimize and further grow its prominence. Within this next stage of growth, the president of the University of Utah should place particular emphasis on the following short-term initiatives and longer-term strategic priorities:

**Lead the university’s emergence from the pandemic**

Like all institutions of higher education, the University of Utah has been profoundly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. While the enrollment and financial implications have been relatively minor, the consequences of this past year go well beyond financial and operating metrics. The next president will need to proactively map out strategies going forward that not only build the U’s long-term resiliency but recognize—and optimize—the paradigm shifts in teaching and learning resulting from the pandemic.

The university’s approach to online learning should be much more assertive and extend more forcefully into college completion and graduate education. New and distinctive programs that rely on digital delivery should be explored, as should reskilling through certificates and limited-duration master’s degrees. These will help a population that is much more accepting, comfortable and versatile with digital delivery and learning—and allow for deeper penetration into adult learning markets.

**Leverage the university’s status as a national research institution**

The U’s acceptance in 2019 as a member of the Association of American Universities was a capstone recognition of many years of progress in building its capacity for education, research and scholarship. This designation, however, should not be viewed as an end goal—but the beginning of a new chapter of the U’s prominence and contributions to society. The next president will have the opportunity to participate in the national dialogue on higher education—and potentially position the U as a model of the impact and public value-add of the 21st-century national research university. Conversations led by the president on access and affordability and higher education’s role in economic/community development could all draw on the university’s strengths in these areas.

**Further promote the theme of “One U” and its value**

The U is rare among its peers in the co-location of a comprehensive research university and a vibrant academic medical center; there are less than two dozen such institutions in the country. This allows the health sciences and a variety of disciplines on campus to collaborate in scholarship, education, community partnerships and knowledge transfer. The vision of “One U” captures the opportunity for students, staff and faculty to collaborate on innovative, groundbreaking, interdisciplinary work to solve big social problems. The phrase also describes the opportunity on campus to engage in operational effectiveness wherever possible.

This concept has been unifying throughout the university, and the next president should align key decisions and strategic initiatives with its intent. Another priority here is to drive further collaborations between colleges, such as engineering, business and medicine.

**Serve as the university’s “champion” in outreach and advocacy**

The president is the “face and voice” of the University of Utah in representing its interests to external partners. The U’s success in building its reputation and resources is directly impacted by the effectiveness of its external advocacy and communications—
particularly with public sector leaders, including the Utah Legislature, the governor and state administration, and local officials. This outreach will need to be intensified, as public resources become tighter and the expectations of these internal and external stakeholders become sharper.

The value of advocacy and partnership building extends well beyond creating goodwill and state support. Utah’s workforce needs are growing, and the U should tighten its relationships with industry and develop programs directed at their requirements. The university’s curriculum and research should be regularly assessed against the requirements of local and national industries.

The next president will need to convey to all stakeholders a clear and enthusiastic personal embrace of the University of Utah. To succeed, the president must possess a thorough knowledge of the U’s strengths and potential, and have the ability to communicate these strengths to others. The president must take proactive efforts to become well-networked with the region’s business, civic, community and church leaders. Salt Lake City has a strong tradition of civic engagement, and the president will derive great value for the U by quickly becoming part of this leadership network.

Convey the university’s commitment to an ethos of compassion, trust, safety and support
The University of Utah community has been shaken in recent years by the tragic deaths of two students. These incidents—and concerns about the university’s responses to them—drew into question the university’s capacity to ensure a safe campus, and its commitment to the welfare and well-being of its students. While significant efforts and investments have been made to address these concerns, the university is still healing. The new president should be sensitive to the dynamics of this situation, and continue to rebuild the trust and confidence of students, faculty, staff and community members.

Foster a campus culture that embraces inclusion, diversity and community
Demographically and culturally, the Utah of the future will be very different than the Utah of the past. One of the U’s core values is to “celebrate the rich diversity of people as well as creative and intellectual traditions by being inclusive in every respect.” The diversity profile of the university’s population is improving. Student diversity is above national averages—31% of the current freshman class are Students of Color—but faculty diversity is still lacking. The need for continued progress in this area remains an important goal. The new president must lend personal authority and passion to efforts underway to increase diversity at all levels by actively recruiting students and hiring faculty from underrepresented groups, and also promoting an environment where there is meaningful interaction between different groups.

The president should also encourage a culture of diverse and progressive thought and expression, and be comfortable making appropriate and reflective comments about social issues that impact the university community. The president should apply interpersonal qualities that bring people together, and cohesively unify the campus at this particularly stressful time in our society.

Build and steward the University of Utah’s resources
In light of declining state appropriations for public higher education and the desire to keep tuition increases at a minimum, the new president will be expected to work with the university community to identify and develop new, sustainable revenue streams that will be critical to the quality of the U’s academic, research and co-curricular programs, the depth of its faculty and staff expertise, and the attractiveness of its facilities. The university has been highly successful in fundraising over the past decade (its endowment has now reached $1.19 billion). In 2018 the U publicly launched a new capital campaign—Imagine New Heights—with a target of $2 billion. The campaign is ongoing but has received commitments that enabled it to reach its stated goal two years ahead of schedule. The university’s committed gift total for FY2020 was approximately $480 million.

The next president will support the U’s ongoing fundraising by dedicating significant personal time and energy to cultivating and stewarding current and future donors. With an alumni base of nearly 270,000, there is capacity for giving among the U’s “family” and the new president will lead the planning necessary to build increased annual giving (currently 11.8% of alumni contribute). The president will drive fundraising priorities, and as the “fundraiser in chief,” will be accountable for the university’s philanthropic activities and results.
The University of Utah 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 33,000 students. In November 2019, the university was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universities—an invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions in North America marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success and securing resources in support of core missions.

The university is uniquely situated to offer both unmatched outdoor and exciting urban experiences. While mountain vistas are only a few steps away and vast red-rock desert landscapes are within reach of a scenic afternoon drive, the campus also happens to be located in Salt Lake City, one of the most dynamic and fastest-growing—economically and culturally—metropolises in the U.S.

With ready access to spectacular skiing, mountain biking and hiking and a vibrant array of cultural, culinary and entertainment venues, there is a lot going on just beyond the campus boundaries. Yet what's happening within the university's 1,535-acre hillside campus is even more compelling. At the U, as it is affectionately called, you'll find world-class research, education and clinical care complemented by a lively social, cultural and athletic campus experience.

The U's success in achieving excellence in research and teaching reflects the values of Utah: An unparalleled work ethic and a spirit of entrepreneurship, collaboration and community service. These qualities have enabled the U to innovate across many fields and pioneer new programs with social impact, generate pathbreaking discoveries, fuel critical research, and inspire innovative approaches to education.
The U is the University for Utah just as it is the University of Utah. 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 from across the country and internationally. These students bring with them diverse experiences and outlooks—representing traditional and nontraditional students alike—thereby enhancing the exceptional educational experience the U offers.

MISSION

The University of Utah fosters student success by preparing students from diverse backgrounds for lives of impact as leaders and citizens. We generate and share new knowledge, discoveries and innovations, and we engage local and global communities to promote education, health and quality of life. These contributions, in addition to responsible stewardship of our intellectual, physical and financial resources, ensure the long-term success and viability of the institution.

CORE GOALS

The University of Utah is dedicated to excellence in four core areas.

Student Success: Promote student success to transform lives
The core of student success is access, equity, growth, experience and completion. We are building an inclusive community that fosters a sense of belonging, well-being and safety in which every student can thrive. As the movement for racial justice has shown, this commitment is more vital than ever. The university has made tremendous strides in providing an exceptional educational experience and advancing completion rates. With each new incoming class, the U continues to attract bright students from across the state and globe. Going forward, the U seeks to engage in individualized partnerships with all students to ensure they develop academically, personally and professionally over their lifetimes. Our vibrant campus community nurtures creativity, innovation and entrepreneur-

Generate Knowledge: Develop and transfer new knowledge
The University of Utah is recognized as one of the nation’s leading research institutions as evidenced by its selection as a member of the Association of American Universities. The U is engaged in research, scholarship and generation of knowledge that seeks to solve grand societal challenges and positively affect the state, the nation and the world—a role highlighted during the coronavirus pandemic. The importance of our role as a research institution and the high quality of our work is reflected in increases in sponsored project funding, faculty publications, and awards and projects that benefit our communities. The U aspires to continue this momentum while also broadening the diversity of faculty and researchers who are producing new knowledge and expanding our understanding of the world.

Engage Communities: Engage communities to improve education, health, economic well-being and quality of life
As the state’s flagship university, the U is the University for Utah just as it is the University of Utah. The U embraces its role as a vital anchor institution serving the education, health and economic needs of Utah, catalyzing the state’s economic engine and engaging students in impactful community service and learning opportunities. The U also serves as the state’s major art, culture and athletics hub. Our reciprocal grassroots partnerships with stakeholders from across the state foster improved education, health, economic well-being and quality of life for Utah families. Through collaboration around a set of shared goals, we will position the U as a national leader in community engagement while recognizing our state’s changing demographics. It is incumbent upon us as an anchor institution to embrace and serve our state’s diverse communities, a role particularly important in times of great economic and social disruption.

Ensure Vitality: Ensure the long-term vitality of the university
The University of Utah is on the rise, thanks in large measure to the achievements of our campus community and support we receive from the
state, our stakeholders and funding organizations. Our goal is to ensure long-term vitality through the effective use of resources while improving the campus infrastructure and growing endowments and capital support. This will be achieved through innovations in health care and education and the use of digital technology to provide broader, high-quality and efficient services. We also must work to ensure we are providing relevant and in-demand educational opportunities for students across their lifetimes and responding to the changing demographics of our state. As the coronavirus pandemic has shown, our vitality also depends on our ability to be adaptable and nimble in meeting societal challenges.

ACADEMICS

The University of Utah consists of 18 colleges and schools, 100 academic departments, 35 interdisciplinary programs, 120 centers/bureaus, and nine divisions. The U offers over 100 majors. It also offers a variety of professional certificate and credential programs through the Continuing Education & Community Engagement program.

COLLEGES

Architecture + Planning
Business
Cultural & Social Transformation
Dentistry
Education
Engineering
Fine Arts
Health
Honors
Humanities
Law
Medicine
Mines & Earth Sciences
Nursing
Pharmacy
Science
Social & Behavioral Science
Social Work

ACADEMIC MEDICINE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF UTAH

As part of the university, University of Utah Health is the only academic medical center in the state of Utah and provides patient care for the people of Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, western Colorado and much of Nevada. It also serves as the training ground for the majority of the state’s physicians, nurses, pharmacists, therapists and other health care professionals. With an annual budget of $4.3 billion (FY20), U of U Health is comprised of five hospitals and 12 community health care centers; University of Utah Medical Group with more than 1,700 members; a highly ranked, $408 million research enterprise; six schools and colleges, including the colleges of health, nursing and pharmacy and the schools of dentistry and medicine; and the Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library. U of U Health also includes a health plan with more than 238,000 members, which offers a full suite of medical and pharmacy benefits for employer groups, individuals and families, as well as Medicaid and Medicare.
It is also home to ARUP Laboratories, one of the nation’s largest reference laboratories, and numerous institutes and centers that reflect the health system’s strengths in oncology, cardiology, orthopaedics, mental health, rehabilitation, ophthalmology, neuroscience, precision medicine, population health, diabetes treatment, genetics and global health. Excellence in patient care, education and research—all in service to the community—is vital to its overall mission. Staffed by more than 22,000 employees, U of U Health is recognized nationally as a transformative health care system and regionally as a provider of world-class care. It has been nationally ranked in the top 10 for quality for 10 years in a row, and as the No. 1 hospital in the state for the past six years.

Together as One U, U of U Health serves communities and the region, leads education and discovery, and innovates care that is accountable for outcomes. U of U Health believes in the communities, partners and people who make the health system all that it is, and the system remains committed to their health, wellness and success.

**RESEARCH**

The University of Utah is recognized as a top-tier 1 research university (Carnegie Classification of Institutions in Higher Education). Our goal is to cultivate a research community recognized nationally and internationally for its excellence, innovation and interdisciplinary approach to research. The university received nearly $603 million in FY20 in sponsored research project grants, an institutional record and funding that has a direct impact on the state’s economy. That total represents more than 2,400 grant awards.

The university received the Innovation and Economic Prosperity Award from the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities in 2020, one of

Mario Capecchi, geneticist, 2007 Nobel laureate
only 63 institutions with that designation in the U.S. In FY 2020, research and innovation at the university supported by the PIVOT Center generated 14 spin-out companies, 56 U.S. patents, 73 major licenses and 198 invention disclosures. Since 2000, more than 750 products have been launched by U start-up companies. The university is a catalyst for innovation in Utah, driving corporate engagement and working closely with Utah’s innovation ecosystem and organizations such as Silicon Slopes, BioUtah/BioHive, EDC Utah, WTC and Salt Lake City.

Many U spin-out companies and industry partners have found a home in the U’s Research Park, located just southeast of campus, and internationally recognized as the Outstanding Research Park of the Year in 2020 by the Association of University Research Parks. Today, there are 48 companies located in Research Park, along with 81 university entities; in all, approximately 14,000 people presently work in the district. The university’s real estate administrative team is currently developing a new strategic plan to guide Research Park for the next 50 years.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

With revenues in excess of $5 billion (FY20), the university is considered one of Utah’s primary economic engines and is among the state’s largest employers. The University of Utah directly and indirectly supported 83,100 jobs, $4.6 billion in earnings, and $6.3 billion in GDP in the Utah economy in 2019, making it one of the largest economic assets in the state. The U’s direct employment of nearly 39,000 people makes it one of the largest employers in the state. In addition, the U’s 2020 education and patient care reach included more than 33,000 students, more than 550 buildings in 16 counties and 38 cities in Utah, and approximately two million patient visits. As an institution of higher learning, the U also imparts significant societal benefits. These contributions confer an immense economic and societal impact on Utah that can only come from the state’s flagship university.

**STRATEGIC VISION**

In 2020, the main and health campuses at the University of Utah launched a strategic roadmap that ensures a One U approach to the future—a blueprint designed to accelerate the university’s rise as it focuses on four overarching goals: student success, knowledge transfer, community engagement and institutional vitality. Strategy 2025 is the result of a process launched in spring 2019 that harnessed the creative power of our campus community and stakeholders to shape a new vision, with strategies and measurable outcomes to guide us for the next five years.
**SUSTAINABILITY**

The University of Utah defines sustainability as the integrated pursuit of social equity, environmental integrity and economic security for current and future generations. It created the Sustainability Office in fall 2007 to move the campus toward this holistic view of sustainability. The mission of the Sustainability Office is to integrate sustainability as a core principle throughout operations, research and education at the University of Utah and to support initiatives that cultivate the campus as a living laboratory. The office’s vision is to create a culture of responsibility by integrating the values of sustainability in all facets of the University of Utah and to serve as a model for what is possible. In January 2019, it set five aspirations to be achieved by June 30, 2022:

- That our campus (design, facilities, operations) is a leading-edge sustainable campus that inspires others to treat their campuses as living labs
- That both wellness and social/environmental justice are deeply embedded in all sustainability efforts
- That all students are global citizens of sustainability
- That the organizational resources allocated to sustainability efforts reflect the core value position and urgency of the issue to university leadership
- That the university is viewed as a national leader in sustainability research and education

**ATHLETICS**

As an integral part of the university and the community, the Athletics Department complements and supports the overall mission of the university. The department seeks to provide the means for all student-athletes to reach their full potential academically and athletically, while also becoming positive contributors to society.

The Athletics Department supports the U’s objective of creating an inclusive community that is enriched by the life experiences and backgrounds of a diverse and excellent staff and students. It strives for winning teams that adhere to NCAA and Pac-12 rules and display loyalty, honesty, fiscal soundness and good sportsmanship. The department’s core values are represented by the acronym CARES: Character, Acceptance, Relationships, Excellence, and Service. Its vision has four parts:

1. Provide the best student-athlete experience in the country.
2. Have nationally ranked programs through successful competition in the Pac-12 and in national postseason play.

3. Be a leader in the Pac-12 in student support services and all administrative areas.

4. Be a significant leader in advancing the mission and goals of the University of Utah.

**FINANCES**

The University of Utah is recognized for its effective financial management and overall financial strength. Revenue totaled $5.1 billion in FY 2020. The university enrolls over 33,000 students, of whom approximately 75% are undergraduates, and employs nearly 39,000 people, of whom 3,764 are faculty. The university's current total net assets of $2.7 billion reflect a growth of $355.6 million in FY 2020. The university publicly launched the Imagine New Heights capital campaign in 2018 with a five-year goal of raising $2 billion; the ongoing campaign reached that target two years ahead of schedule.

**GOVERNANCE**

The University of Utah is one of 16 public colleges and universities, including eight technical colleges, governed by the Utah Board of Higher Education within the Utah System of Higher Education. The Board is comprised of 18 residents of the state, all appointed by the governor. There are two student Board members, one from a degree-granting public college or university and one from a technical college. Sixteen of the members are appointed to six-year staggered terms, while the student Board members are appointed to a one-year term.

The Board’s major responsibilities include selecting and evaluating institutional presidents, setting policy, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, and submitting a unified higher education budget request to the governor and state Legislature.

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 Office of Alumni Relations Board of Governors and the president of the Associated Students of the University of Utah (ASUU) serve as the ninth and tenth 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 regularly meets with the president on matters of university policy and governance. The Academic Senate is an independent part of the shared governance structure of the university; no change to academic policy can be enacted without Senate approval. This arrangement has been in place for decades and has helped create an atmosphere of cooperation and a sense of shared responsibilities for furthering the university’s values.

A complete organization chart is available at admin.utah.edu.
Nestled on the foothills of the Rocky Mountains and overlooking the largest inland lake in the western U.S., Salt Lake City is home to a pioneering past and an exciting future. Prior to the Mormons settling the Salt Lake Valley in 1847, it was home to the Ute Indians who called the valley and encompassing mountain range the “low place in high mountains.”

In October 2020, the University of Utah officially issued an Indigenous Land Acknowledgment statement that recognizes and honors the fact that the university is located on the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute and Ute tribes; the state of Utah is home to eight distinct tribal nations. From its past to the present, Salt Lake’s history is as rich as its vistas, surrounding mountains and beautiful lake-enhanced sunsets.

The city, like the state, has grown in population, cultural diversity and accolades. In addition to being home to the Winter Olympics in 2002, our city’s nearby mountains are widely known to be the home of “The Greatest Snow on Earth.” Large storms pick up more moisture as they roll in over the Great Salt Lake, and that moisture slams against the Wasatch Mountains, creating incomparably light and skiable powder snow.

But don’t let the proximity to mountains, outdoor recreation and five national parks distract you from the thriving urban heart that is beating in the Salt Lake Valley. Labeled as the Silicon Slopes, our city is home to a buzzing tech scene—between that and the other booming businesses in the city, down-
town Salt Lake has been brought to life like never before. From a top-shelf performing arts scene to an award-winning dining, craft beer and distilling culture, and the surprising-to-most fact that Salt Lake is reported as having one of the biggest LGBTQ populations in the nation, you’ll get a sense of how this Old West town has become a forward-thinking and burgeoning urban hub. When you also include the University of Utah, one of America’s leading research universities, you realize that this city has a bright future.

The weather in Utah is great because we get four defined, lovely seasons. Along with our snow in the winter (here’s the thing: the city isn’t a snow-bound place in the winter, we’re fortunate to get TONS of snow at ski resorts that are only a 45-minute drive from downtown Salt Lake, but the city itself remains not only walkable, but festive and bustling all winter long) we get wonderfully temperate spring and fall weather, with a dry-warm summer that only touches triple digits for a week of the season.

The point being, Salt Lake gets the best of each season, and we like to think that’s why so many outdoor enthusiasts thrive here.

Utah’s world-famous ski resorts are less than an hour drive from the newly renovated Salt Lake International Airport, and Salt Lake is only a five-hour drive or less from five national parks—and some of the most scenic and breathtaking scenery in the world.

Whether you’re coming to see The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints’ beautiful Temple Square, watch the Utah Jazz play a game, sample our award-winning gastronomic scene, see a Broadway play or take in the amazing mountain backdrop, Salt Lake will surprise you with its wide variety of things to do, places to see and ways to connect.

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