

University of Idaho

Mission:

The University of Idaho is the state's land-grant research university. From this distinctive origin and identity comes our commitment to enhance the scientific, economic, social, legal, and cultural assets of our state, and to develop solutions for complex problems facing society. We deliver on this commitment through focused excellence in teaching, research, outreach, and engagement in a collaborative environment at our residential main campus, regional centers, extension offices, and research facilities throughout the state. Consistent with the land-grant ideal, our outreach activities serve the state at the same time they strengthen our teaching and scholarly and creative capacities.

Our teaching and learning includes undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education offered through both resident instruction and extended delivery. Our educational programs are enriched by the knowledge, collaboration, diversity, and creativity of our faculty, students, and staff.

Our scholarly and creative activities promote human and economic development, global understanding, and progress in professional practice by expanding knowledge and its applications in the natural and applied sciences, social sciences, arts, humanities, and the professions.

Core Themes:

Core Theme One: Engaged Learning Community

The University of Idaho is a distinctive intellectual community that values and supports diversity, creativity, and the academic and professional development of its students. Our University learning outcomes challenge students to: 1) learn and integrate; 2) think and create; 3) communicate; 4) clarify purpose and perspective; and 5) practice citizenship through rich and diverse curricular, co-curricular, and extra-curricular opportunities. Students' lives are transformed through engagement with caring faculty and staff and substantive opportunities for service, leadership, and cultural enrichment. They develop intellectual capacity and social responsibility through service and engagement opportunities that extend beyond the classroom into organizations, industries, agencies, and communities.

Core Theme Two: Scholarly and Creative Activity with National and International Impact

As a public research institution, dedicated to our statewide land-grant mission, the University of Idaho engages in scholarly and creative activities to enhance the quality of life and build cultural awareness and understanding, economic vitality and the sustainability of human, natural and technology systems within the state and beyond. Our endeavors range from developing best practices in agriculture, engineering, architecture, business, education, and natural resources, to artistic creativity in the

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humanities and arts. They also range from discoveries in the biophysical, ecological, social, and earth sciences, helping people understand and adapt to an ever changing global environment, to using policy, sciences, and law to enhance social justice and civil society.

Core Theme Three: An Engaged University

Our engagement vision is to serve Idaho with an interconnected system of people, programs, and facilities. Through this integrated system, we form active partnerships to address critical issues in Idaho and beyond. Our partners include industry, public agencies, tribes, communities, and individuals. Engagement at the University of Idaho includes integrating outreach, teaching and learning, and scholarly and creative activity; partnering with constituents for the mutually beneficial exchange of knowledge and resources; and working across disciplines. Engagement helps make our research useful beyond the academic community, enables learning to occur outside the classroom, encourages the creation and dissemination of knowledge, and directly benefits our students and the public.

Core Theme Four: Purposeful, Ethical, Vibrant, and Open Community

The University of Idaho is a community of learners enriched by the wide variety of experiences and perspectives of our faculty, staff, students, and administrators. Our goal is to advance a socially just learning and working environment by fostering a culture of excellence through diverse people, ideas, and perspectives.