2026 Campus Master Plan

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Why now and what we did

The goal: a blueprint for the university's bold vision, aligning our land, buildings and infrastructure with growth and Impact 2030.

2+
years of study, input and iteration

600+
participants at 4 open houses

6,000+
letters mailed to neighbors

6,300+
Instagram reactions

Informed by: NBBJ, the 2024 Space Study, parking, transportation and utility studies, 130+ comments, website and mapping surveys, and the Board's Campus Master Planning Committee. Shaped by thousands of faculty, staff, students and neighbors.

What's driving it: Impact 2030 and 2035

The goal: a top-10 public university with unsurpassed societal impact.

IMPACT 2030 GOALS

40,000
students: growing the student body

80%
six-year graduation rate

90%
of graduates placed in jobs

$1B
annual research funding

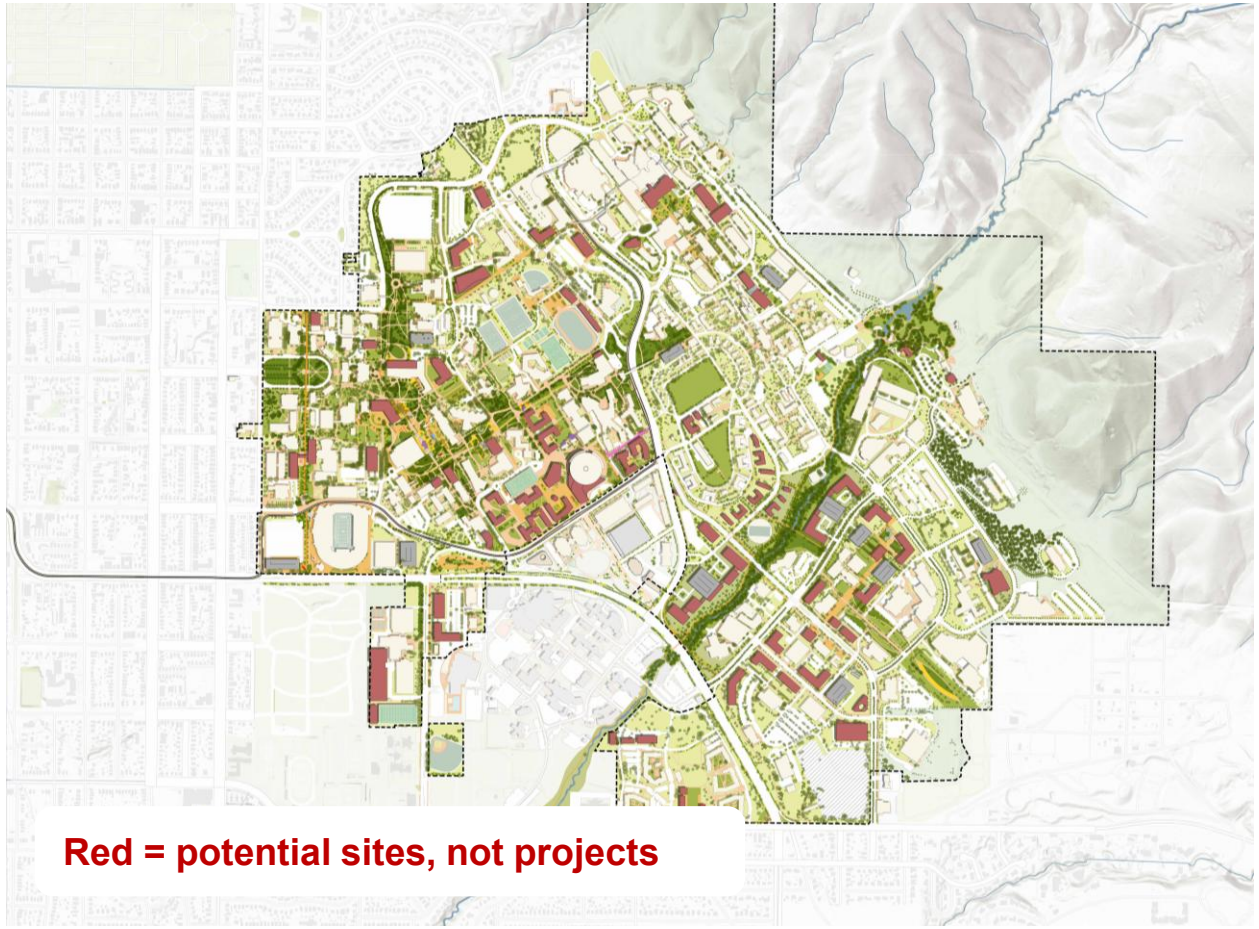
2035 PLANNING TARGETS

45,000+
students supported with new and revitalized academic space

$1.5B
research funding goal, supported by new research space

More students and more research mean more housing, academic and lab space, parking and clinical care.

The plan: neighborhoods built for growth



Red = potential sites, not projects

CAMPUS NEIGHBORHOODS

- Academics
- U Health
- Research
- College Town Magic™
- Athletics
- Research Park
- Cultural

BIG MOVES VS. 2008

College Town Magic
Housing growth
Mobility and parking strategy
Open space and Arboretum stewardship
Research Park and downtown

A living plan, guided by seven principles

1
Advance the Academic and Research Mission

2
Best-in-Class Student Experience

3
Exceptional Patient Experience

4
Access and Mobility

5
Highest and Best Use of Land

6
Stewardship of the Natural and Cultural Environment

7
Economic Opportunities and Resilience

Principles stay stable. Plan reviewed annually; changes come as amendments

EVERY PROJECT STILL FOLLOWS THE REVIEW PATH

CPC → SLT → CMP Committee → Board

Requesting approval

Of the 2026 University of Utah Campus Master Plan

Approval adopts the framework:

the vision, neighborhoods, Guiding Principles and Strategic Initiatives

Approval does not approve:

any building, site or dollar, and sets no building heights, massing or density. Projects still go CPC → SLT → CMP Committee → Board.