It’s time to rethink how the University of Illinois & state can work together to drive ECONOMIC PROSPERITY.

Higher education is essential to the state’s economic vitality. A strategic partnership between the University of Illinois and the state is critical to identify shared challenges, build statewide collaboration networks, and drive economic prosperity for the people of Illinois.

University of Illinois

- 78,500 students
- 24,750 employees
- 700 public service & outreach programs
- $914M+ in federal, state, & private research funding
- Global leader of research, discovery, & innovation

Shared Vision for Growth

Developing a shared vision for growth between the state of Illinois and the University of Illinois will drive our future prosperity and competitiveness.

Engineering a Prosperous Future

RESEARCH & INNOVATION
- Secure strong federal funding for basic research
- Work with industry to deliver solutions to grand challenges
- Support sensible patent legislation that protects inventors while targeting abusive activity

BUDGET FOR OUR FUTURE
- Support balanced deficit reduction and entitlement reform to ensure sufficient discretionary funding for higher education and research
- Repeal sequestration and close the innovation deficit

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- Partner with local, state, and federal officials to align shared vision for growth
- Leverage existing University resources and assets to support local communities

Developing Human Capital

COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY
- Protect financial aid and graduate education
- Preserve tuition deductions for students and families
- Advocate for outreach programs that help low-income students succeed

HEALTH PROFESSIONALS & COMMUNITIES
- Protect funding to train tomorrow’s doctors and health professionals at the nation’s largest medical school and health colleges
- Sustain key Medicaid and Medicare funding streams to support hospital operations

IMMIGRATION
- Promote efforts to reform the broken immigration system
- Provide new opportunities for foreign graduates to stay in the U.S.

Unleashing Our Full Potential

ACHEIVING EXCELLENCE
- Advance U of I priorities on affordability, student success, and completion
- Support a master plan for Illinois higher education that leverages the collective strengths of state universities and community colleges

REGULATORY BURDEN
- Enhance accountability and transparency efforts
- Reduce repetitive and burdensome regulations

STUDENT WELL-BEING
- Support effective legislation to prevent and address campus sexual violence
- Preserve university autonomy in collegiate athletics
PARTNERSHIP

- Developed and spun out UI LABS, an applied research corporation focused on solving industry’s greatest challenges at scale
- Successful bid for Digital Manufacturing & Design Innovation Institute, a $320M advanced manufacturing institute in Chicago
- Partnership in Joint Center for Energy Storage Research (JCESR)
- Economic engagement and outreach with elected officials focused on local challenges and growth opportunities
- Co-founding partner of ThinkChicago, a program focused on talent attraction and retention

INNOVATION

- Plasma display panel
- PREZISTA® (HIV drug)
- NCSA Mosaic™
- Military infrared night vision technology
- LED technology
- Disability firsts (curb cuts enabling accessibility)
- Digital humanities providing library access to developing nations and rural communities
- YouTube

ASSETS

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agricultural Technology
- Bioengineering
- Biomedical Research
- Cybersecurity
- Engineering
- Health Sciences
- Online Education
- Supercomputing and Big Data
- Sustainability

PHYSICAL & INTELLECTUAL

- Beckman Institute for Advanced Science & Technology
- Health, Technology, Innovation (HTI) incubator
- IllinoisVENTURES
- National Center for Supercomputing Applications
- UIC Electronic Visualization Lab
- U of I Cancer Center
- U of I Extension Offices
- U of I Hospital
- U of I Research Park

IMPACT:
The University of Illinois positively impacts the entire state of Illinois.

U of I healthcare enterprise offers a full spectrum of health sciences programs.

REGIONAL HEALTHCARE CAMPUSES
- Peoria
- Rockford
- Quad Cities

MEDICAL FACILITIES & SERVICES
- U of I Hospital
- U of I Cancer Center
- Community clinics in Chicago

378,000+ alumni living in Illinois

INNOVATION

- Abbott
- Ameren
- Caterpillar
- Dow Agrosciences
- Foxconn Internet Technologies
- Grainger
- John Deere
- Turn
- Yahoo!

U OF I RESEARCH PARK
- Home to 90+ startup companies and R&D corporate operations, including 12 Fortune 500 companies
- 1,500+ employees (including 500 students)

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The majority of these companies remain in Illinois.

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