

FOUR CORNERSTONES OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

AT THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA

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STUDENT EXPERIENCE AND ACHIEVEMENT

The student experience is at the heart of the University of Tampa's academic mission, and the Division of Academic Affairs is committed to ensuring every student has access to the opportunities and support that lead to meaningful achievement.

The Division is committed to supporting high-impact practices that deepen learning and improve student outcomes. We will remove structural barriers to student progress by comprehensively reviewing the advising model to ensure it is proactive and aligned with student goals, and examine class scheduling and space utilization to meet students educational needs. We are equally committed to supporting student well-being and resilience, recognizing that academic achievement depends on students having the personal foundation to sustain it.

NATIONAL PROMINENCE

Elevating the academic reputation of the University of Tampa and establishing UTampa as a nationally recognized institution is a priority for the Division of Academic Affairs, and a direct expression of the president's vision for the university's future.

Faculty drive national prominence, and the Division is investing directly in their success. The appointment of an inaugural Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Success reflects our commitment to building a culture of mentoring, professional development, and scholarly achievement, including nominating faculty for regional and national awards, elevating faculty whose dedication to students distinguishes UTampa's educational reputation, and creating opportunities for faculty to advance their public scholarship.

The Division is also committed to pursuing Carnegie Research College and University (RCU) designation as a long-term institutional aspiration. This includes strengthening our research infrastructure and reinvigorating internal grant funding, steps that will support faculty scholarship and position UTampa for greater national recognition over time.

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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The University of Tampa was founded with the support of the Tampa Chamber of Commerce. That history has shaped a lasting commitment to the community, and the Division of Academic Affairs is committed to honoring and expanding it.

A cornerstone of this effort is workplace experiences for all, ensuring that every UTampa student has access to real-world professional experience that bridges the classroom and the community. The Division will also cultivate regional partnerships that give students and faculty opportunities to apply their expertise in ways that benefit both the institution and the broader Tampa Bay community.

Looking ahead, UTampa aspires to explore the Carnegie Community Engaged Campus designation, which would reflect an institution-wide commitment to reciprocal partnerships with the communities we serve. Working toward this designation gives us a framework for expanding academic community engagement across disciplines and ensuring our work with regional partners is meaningful and sustained.

LEARNING INNOVATION

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Technology is changing how students learn and how faculty teach, and the Division of Academic Affairs is committed to meeting this moment thoughtfully through a focus on Learning Innovation.

Central to this effort is building digital and AI literacy across our community. As artificial intelligence transforms every professional field, UTampa is committed to ensuring our graduates are informed, critical, capable, and ethical users of AI. Faculty and staff will receive the support they need to integrate these tools effectively into teaching and student support.

Looking ahead, the Division aspires to invest in the physical and digital environments that make learning possible: active learning classroom spaces that foster collaboration, and greater adoption of our learning management system as a central hub for accessible, student-centered instruction.

