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UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

**ASSOCIATE VICE
CHANCELLOR FOR
GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT**

Leadership Profile



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) and its Office of Academic Affairs seek an experienced, visionary, and strategic leader to serve as the next Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement, starting in 2025.

The Associate Vice Chancellor (AVC) for Global Engagement has broad and comprehensive leadership responsibility for international student recruitment and enrollment, global partnerships and engagement, and academic programming that intentionally and purposefully broadens the perspectives of all UNO students. The AVC for Global Engagement is the Senior International Officer for the campus, and as such, works closely and collaboratively with senior campus leadership to advance initiatives focused on international students, internationalizing the curriculum, growing global partnerships, and supporting international research. The position provides executive oversight of the Office of International Programs and reports directly to the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

The ideal candidate will have a graduate degree and significant experience with successfully recruiting, enrolling, and retaining international students. They will also have considerable cross-cultural and international travel experience. Individuals with professional administrative and operational experience as well as individuals with academic leadership experience are invited to apply. Candidates with experience as faculty may be considered for tenured appointments in an appropriate academic unit.

ROLE OF THE ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR

Reporting to the Senior Vice Chancellor, the Associate Vice Chancellor (AVC) for Global Engagement is the campus' Senior International Officer and is broadly tasked with leading visioning, strategic planning, and implementation efforts for campus international activities and initiatives that engage a broad and varied constituent of campus and global stakeholders. The position is responsible for a) the growth and maintenance of robust international enrollments, b) leadership and oversight of international programs (i.e., prospective student programming and support, current international student support, study abroad programming, campus internationalization efforts), c) consistent communication with campus leadership and oversight of compliance/risk management strategies, and d) intentional cultivation and stewardship of global partnerships and relationships.

- » **International Recruitment and Enrollment:** Strategically lead international student recruitment and enrollment efforts by a) leading the development of a campus strategic plan in collaboration with senior leadership focused on international student recruitment and enrollment, b) facilitating the recruitment cycle and responding proactively to market needs, c) streamlining the admissions process and providing transition support to campus, and d) implementing and routinely assessing strategy effectiveness using data-informed decision making.
- » **International Programs and Engagement:** Deliver robust international programming including a) working closely with prospective students and being responsive to requests for assistance, b) providing transition and academic advising support for new and existing international students (e.g., language learning, academic advising), c) collaborating with the colleges and faculty to identify and support internationalization efforts, d) identifying and pursuing fundraising opportunities, and e) executive oversight of the Office of International Programs.
- » **Compliance, Risk Management, and Reporting:** Responsible for a) developing and implementing compliance and risk management strategies for international activities (e.g., compliance with international educational standards and immigration regulations, monitor global political and economic developments and assess impact on the university), b) providing regular updates and reports to senior leadership on international enrollments, activities, and strategic initiatives, and c) identifying relevant data to support data-informed decision making.
- » **Global Partnerships and Relationships:** Responsible for providing strategic direction in cultivating and growing global partnerships, relationships, and connections by a) aiding in the facilitation of high-level negotiations to ensure progress, b) developing a framework for assessing and evaluation partnerships, c) stewarding existing relationships and partnerships, and d) ensuring alignment of global partnerships with institutional goals.

Qualifications and Leadership Competencies

The AVC for Global Engagement works closely and collaboratively with senior campus leadership including the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, the college deans, and other members of the senior executive leadership team for the campus. The AVC for Global Engagement must also be able to effectively engage faculty in international education and partnership initiatives and offer energetic,

innovative, and intellectual leadership for the Office of International Programs. The AVC for Global Engagement is responsible for leading visioning and strategic planning for all aspects of international recruitment and enrollment, educational opportunities, and global partnerships and engagement, and is also responsible for implementing and benchmarking progress toward strategic initiatives.

The successful candidate will have the following qualifications and characteristics:

- » **Collaborative, Interdisciplinary Approach:** Proven leadership in an academic environment with a commitment to excellence and a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach with a demonstrated ability to understand and address complex issues, opportunities, and challenges in areas outside of one's own expertise and the ability to work across units.
- » **International Recruitment, Enrollment, and Retention:** Extensive experience and expertise related to successfully recruiting, enrolling, and retaining international students with a deep understanding of the unique support and programming needs of international students for the duration of their time as a student and member of the UNO campus community.
- » **Student Support and Advocacy:** Demonstrated record of commitment to student success, a willingness to advocate for international students and programs, and a deep understanding of the value of international education opportunities for all UNO students. Holistic approach to supporting international students with attention to the onboarding and orientation process, growth and development opportunities, and experiential learning opportunities.
- » **Shared Vision:** Ability to foster a shared vision that includes both imagining new possibilities for the campus with respect to international recruitment, education, and partnerships while also building on successful existing initiatives. Must be able to inspire energy and enthusiasm to realize the vision through strategic planning and consensus building, and data-informed decision-making.
- » **Interpersonal and Communication Skills:** Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills with the ability to effectively engage both internal and external stakeholders and foster strong, collaborative relationships across the campus community. Must also possess strong intercultural communication skills, a high level of emotional intelligence, and a reputation for integrity and professionalism. Ability to communicate effectively during crises and emerging situations.
- » **Managerial and Fiscal Experience:** Significant managerial experience with successfully leading large teams and overseeing personnel, budget, and operations for a large, complex academic organizational unit. Keen judgment in assessing team strengths and identifying areas for development while engaging in a collaborative, solutions-oriented approach to navigate challenges and drive success in dynamic, cross-cultural organizational settings. Experience with managing a large budget and strategically growing fiscal resources by generating external funding and engaging with the philanthropic community.
- » **Strategic, Innovative, Proactive Approach:** Proactive, innovative, and strategic approach that includes analyzing and synthesizing data related to international education including

enrollment trends, student success metrics, and program outcomes in order to inform strategic planning and engage in data-informed decisions related to international education. Lead efforts to identify proactive and innovative courses of action. Routinely monitor progress toward strategic initiatives.

- » **Branding and Marketing:** An appreciation for the value and importance of strategic branding, marketing, and public relations initiatives as they relate to internationally focused strategic objectives and elevating the institution's global presence.
- » **Cultural Competency and Inclusion:** Commitment to and experience in creating a welcoming and inclusive environment that embraces individuals from diverse backgrounds, cultures, and perspectives. Ability to create a supportive space where people from around the world feel valued, respected, and empowered to contribute fully to the academic and community experience.
- » **International Education:** Deep understanding of higher education systems in other countries and their perspective regarding education in the U.S. Must also understand the complexities of immigration and visa regulations.

Priorities

The top priority for the next AVC for Global Engagement is to lead the development and implementation of a bold, entrepreneurial, and comprehensive vision and strategic plan in collaboration with campus leadership that focuses on growing international student recruitment and enrollment and intentionally links enrollment and recruitment with global partnerships, engagement, and academic programming. The plan should a) build relationships with existing global partners and expanding global networks in ways that align with enrollment goals and enhance the visibility and reputation of UNO as an institution that educates learners from all over the world, b) incorporate goals for academic programming that align with enrollment and partnership goals, c) engage the existing expertise and professional networks of faculty in the colleges to grow enrollments, partnerships, and academic programming, and d) support international research and research partnerships.

An additional priority is to build and strengthen connections between the Office of International Programs and the rest of the campus. This includes engaging the campus broadly in strategic planning efforts and initiatives, supporting students, and strategically communicating information about international enrollments, activities, and partnerships to heighten general awareness on the campus and also to spark further innovation and engagement. Engagement with the business community is also important for developing experiential learning, internship, and job opportunities through public and private partnerships.

OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS

The Associate Vice Chancellor for Global Engagement has executive oversight of the [Office of International Programs](#), which provides a wide and robust range of academic and support services to international and other students interested in global courses and study abroad. The UNO International

Programs team nurtures global partnerships and provides the structure, curriculum, and programming for Maverick students, faculty, and staff who study in the U.S. and abroad. Our work ranges from welcoming and guiding nearly 650 international students from 70+ countries and helping students become proficient in English to training teachers in the central and south Asian region and preparing native Nebraskans for a globally engaged society.

International Student Recruitment and Enrollment

International Programs has traditionally led international student recruitment efforts at UNO. The International Programs team works collaboratively with both the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and the Office of Graduate Studies to recruit and enroll international undergraduate and graduate students, respectively. UNO serves around 650 international students, who comprise nearly 4% of the student population. In 2022, UNO led the charge in the development of recruitment agent vetting and agreement approval processes for all University of Nebraska campuses.

ILUNO Intensive English Program

ILUNO is one of the oldest and most highly regarded English as a Second Language programs in the region. ILUNO students receive personalized assistance and orientation services from a dedicated intensive English program team. The program provides wrap-around support and assistance to international students including immigration assistance, setting up housing, help with academic plans, and learning about health insurance, counseling, and legal needs. In 2023-24, ILUNO hosted 84 students from 25 unique countries including 13 refugees, asylees or permanent U.S. residents for English language learning. Around one-third of ILUNO participants enroll in undergraduate programs at UNO.

International Student Advising

International Student Advising provides comprehensive support to international students guiding them through immigration regulations, visa requirements, and compliance with U.S. laws. The office helps students navigate academic and personal challenges, ensuring a smooth transition to life in the United States. Advisors offer assistance with maintaining student visa status, applying for work authorization, and understanding university policies. Their role is to foster a positive and supportive environment, helping students achieve academic success and adjust to the cultural and social aspects of studying in the US. In 2023-24, the International Student Advising team supported 102 students with Curricular Practical Training (CPT) internship applications and 274 with Optional Practical Training (OPT) and STEM-related OPT applications. Learn more about [international student advising](#).

Additionally, the team supported 25 cultural and social events or field trips for students to learn more about Omaha and the surrounding community.

Global Partnerships

Global Partnerships at UNO facilitate collaborations with universities and organizations around the world, fostering academic exchanges, collaborative research, and innovative educational opportunities. These partnerships enhance the university's global engagement by creating avenues for student and

faculty mobility, cross-cultural learning, and international collaboration. Through these connections, UNO strengthens its global presence and provides a diverse range of international experiences for its campus community.

The Global Partnerships team developed relationships with 22 new partners in 2023 and 2024. Global partnerships enhance UNO's global reputation and grow awareness of the diverse range of academic programming offered to hundreds of interested and qualified prospective students around the world. Learn more about [global partnerships](#) for students and faculty.

Education Abroad and Global Learning

Education Abroad at UNO facilitates global learning opportunities by offering diverse study, research, and internship programs across the world. The office works closely with academic departments, faculty, and campus partners to integrate international experiences into the university's curriculum and strategic goals. Through these collaborations, Education Abroad enhances students' academic and professional growth while fostering a globally engaged campus community.

In 2023-24, 326 UNO students participated in study abroad opportunities and 46 students studied abroad for an entire semester or year. Additionally, more than 200 students enrolled in global courses. UNO's faculty are actively engaged in leading study abroad programs with about 30 faculty leading programs, such as the ones below though offerings vary each year.

- » Managing Organizations – Slovenia
- » Holistic Wellness and Well-being – Costa Rica
- » Speech Language Pathology – Dominican Republic
- » Comparative Criminal Justice Systems – United Kingdom
- » Sustainability is Global – United Kingdom
- » Teacher Education – Kenya
- » Positive Psychology, Health, and Well-being – Italy
- » Spanish Language – Mexico
- » Management – France
- » German Language – Germany and the Alps
- » British Art and Architecture – United Kingdom

Learn more about [education abroad](#) programming.

Global Grants

Global Grants at UNO support faculty, staff, and students in advancing international research, teaching, and engagement initiatives. These grants promote global collaboration by funding projects that enhance the university's internationalization efforts and expand global learning opportunities. By fostering interdisciplinary and cross-cultural partnerships, Global Grants contribute to the development of innovative programs and the university's global presence. Learn more about [current global grants](#) administered by International Programs.

International Professional Development Program

For more than 30 years, the International Professional Development Program (IPD) has equipped individuals and organizations to successfully meet their professional training needs:

- » Acquire the skills and knowledge to meet the demands of companies and competitors
- » Gain competitive advantages
- » Build upon their professional development portfolio
- » Change careers for the future in a global marketplace

The IPD program is currently being refreshed and reimagined. There will be an opportunity for the AVC for Global Engagement to lead the visioning for this program.

Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies

The Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies is UNO's primary hub for academic research and academic capacity development programs and activities in Afghanistan and the region. For five decades and through war and peace, destitution and reconstruction, the Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies and its partners have been on the ground in Afghanistan – printing textbooks, training teachers and journalists, and advising U.S. government officials. The Center has brought on average of \$1.1 million grants per year to UNO for the last 20 years. The Center has also facilitated discussion between UNO and other institutes of higher education in the region of Central and South Asia resulting in the promotion of partnerships. The Center's director offers a course on Geopolitics of Central and South Asia for undergraduate students in addition to periodic activities of bringing in speakers and experts for student engagement activities on campus. The Center also functions as source of commentary and political analysis to various local and international media outlets on developments and issues concerning the region and its relations with the U.S.. Learn more about the [Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies](#).

Points of Pride

International Programs has much to celebrate and is proud of its efforts to support students on their academic journey and the work of faculty that exemplifies academic excellence.

- » UNO is proud to participate in the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI), sponsored by the U.S. State Department for the last 10 years. The YSEALI initiative consists of an intensive academic fellowship for the best and brightest leaders from 11 countries in Southeast Asia and takes fellows through academic lectures and discussions about civic engagement in the U.S., skill-building workshops about civic leadership, and educational and cultural site visits focused on community building and outreach. UNO has received more than \$12 million in federal grant support to implement the program since 2014 and recently received another \$2.6 million to implement a Young South Asian Leaders Initiative (YSALI) in partnership with the East-West Center in Hawaii.

- » UNO was recognized as a vital partner with EducationUSA and was selected to host three EducationUSA advisors – from Nigeria, Pakistan, and Serbia - for a five-day campus visit in April 2024. While on campus, the advisors met with current international students and faculty from the College of Information Science and Technology and the College of Business Administration as well as other campus stakeholders.
- » UNO launched a signature partnership with international education specialists Study Group to expand global recruitment efforts and increase the diversity of recruited students. Study Group is a trusted strategic partner to more than 50 universities worldwide.
- » UNO Education Abroad received the 2024 Increase and Diversify Education Abroad for U.S. Students (IDEAS) grant. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, the grant aims to expand and diversify U.S. student participation in study abroad programs, helping schools across the country offer more inclusive international experiences.
- » In 2024, UNO received the Sir Cyril Taylor Memorial Scholarship, which is intended to financially support underserved and underrepresented students from the United Kingdom who wish to study in the U.S. The \$2,000 scholarship is available for UK students interested in study abroad at UNO from summer 2024 through spring 2025.
- » Each May, UNO takes more than 50 students to London to study abroad. Multiple programs from across the campus participate including criminology and criminal justice, political science, art and art history, and theatre to name a few.
- » In 2023-24, the Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies hosted two cohorts of Pakistani teachers for its five-month professional development and cultural exchange program, Teaching Excellence and Achievement (TEA). TEA promotes the growth of English language skills, knowledge of current English language teaching pedagogies, exposure to new technology, and leadership skills through a blend of classroom and field experiences.
- » In 2023-24, the Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies hosted two cohorts of 18 women faculty members from Pakistan for curriculum development and teaching methodology training on environmental issues. This initiative was conducted in close partnership with faculty members from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, showcasing the cross-campus collaborative efforts of the Center.
- » In October 2023, the Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies began courses for more than 290 Nebraska educators developed to address gaps in cultural understanding and better support newcomer refugee students and families from Afghanistan. In addition to practical content on topics related to Afghan culture, the course focuses on general knowledge about refugees and the trauma of displacement as well as the stress of resettlement and acculturation this broader knowledge will be relevant to support other refugee populations.



International Programs Leadership Team and Staffing

With executive leadership provided by the AVC for Global Engagement, the Office of International Programs is led by the Director of International Programs, who works closely with the International Programs leadership team:

- » Director, Center for Afghanistan and Regional Studies
- » Director, Intensive English
- » Associate Director, International Advising
- » Assistant Director, Global Learning
- » Assistant Director, Global Partnerships
- » Assistant Director, International Recruitment
- » Assistant Director, Global Grants
- » Administrative and professional staff supporting business operations

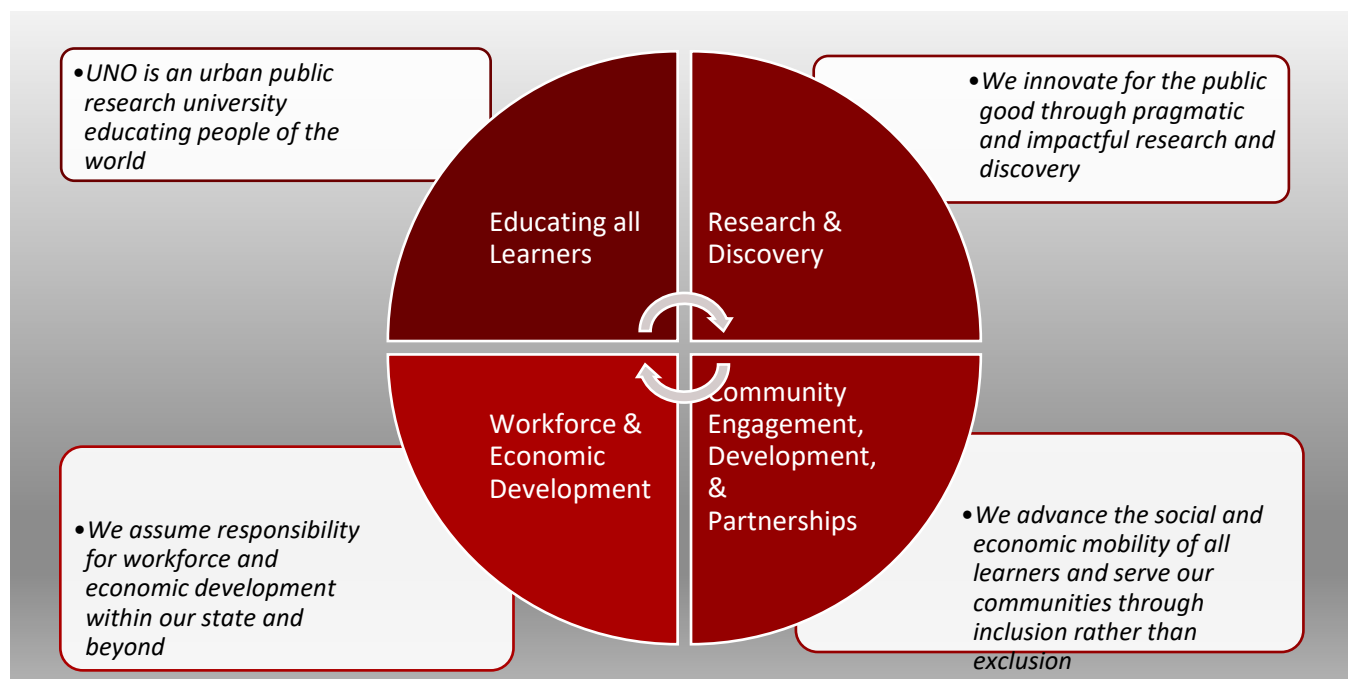


ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT OMAHA

Who We Are

Guided by the UNO Core, the University of Nebraska at Omaha transforms and improves the quality of life locally, nationally, and globally. We are recognized as a Carnegie Doctoral Research institution and as a premier metropolitan university of distinction throughout the United States and the world.

UNO Core



UNO is fueled by its historical ties to Omaha. It was founded in 1908 by the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Omaha. As the first municipal university in Omaha, the early founders’ goal was to make higher education accessible and affordable for the city’s residents. In 1968, the campus joined the University of Nebraska system, and today has the unique role of serving as the state’s metropolitan campus.

Today, the campus is known for its student-centered environment, its community engagement, and its dedication to embracing students from diverse cultural backgrounds. The campus has built strong partnerships with local business, education, government, arts and civic organizations in the city. UNO’s commitment to community engagement has landed UNO on the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for seven consecutive years—the highest federal recognition a school can receive for civic engagement. UNO was among the first institutions to receive the Carnegie designation for community engagement.

This honor is but one of many points of pride. Nearly 90 percent of UNO’s 15,000 plus students are from Nebraska, and roughly 60% of recent alumni surveyed report graduating with no debt or less than

\$5,000 in debt. UNO takes great pride in providing students with global education opportunities yet is also known for its personal and close-knit campus culture, where students come first and partnerships with the community grow every day.

In addition to program-specific accreditations, UNO is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The University's HLC accreditation status was last reaffirmed in a 10-year comprehensive accreditation report in 2018. UNO is also a member of the American Association of State Colleges & Universities (AASCU), American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU), Coalition of Urban & Metropolitan Universities (CUMU), Engaged Scholarship Consortium (ESC), Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), and the Metropolitan Omaha Education Consortium (MOEC), among others.



Our Students

UNO is a vibrant and culturally rich campus community. Approximately 4% of students are international students who hail from more than 70 countries all over the world.

Approximately 40% of UNO students are first generation students and nearly 30% of UNO students are students of color. UNO enrolls both traditional students and adult learners with around 29% of students attending UNO part-time. UNO has close ties to Offutt Air Force Base, enrolling about 125 active-duty students each year. UNO students are taught by 650 full-time and more than 540 part-time faculty and are supported by 1,300 staff members.

UNO is also home to two major full-tuition financial need-based scholarship programs that make our high-quality undergraduate education as broadly accessible as possible. The Goodrich Scholarship Program was created almost 50 years ago, and of the approximately 230 current student scholars, more than 70% are first-generation, and 65% are students of color. Funded by the Buffett Foundation, the Thompson Learning Community also provides full-ride scholarships to students with financial need. Nearly one (1) in nine (9) (around 1,150) UNO undergraduate students are part of TLC, and like the

Goodrich Scholarship Program, many are first-generation (65%), and more than 65% are students of color.

The Colleges

UNO offers nationally recognized bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees that meet the needs of diverse global learners. UNO's more than 200 programs are offered through six colleges that offer a broad range of degree programs:

College of Arts and Sciences

UNO's oldest college offers undergraduate and graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences as well as interdisciplinary programs that combine these perspectives to prepare students to address the world's greatest challenges — climate change and sustainability, ethics, globalization (war, immigration, nationalism), strategic deterrence and assurance, healthcare and mental health, human rights, social and economic inequality, analytics and data science.

College of Business Administration

Preparing a workforce of leaders who make an impact in their communities and in the global economy, degree programs in the college focus on accounting, economics, management, marketing and entrepreneurship as well as banking, finance, and real estate.

College of Communication, Fine Arts and Media

In this college, students find the right balance of academics and application to prepare them for their career. Whether that means teaching, creating, performing, or communicating—or some combination of those—graduates know their educational experience will help them make an impact in the world. The college offers degree programming spanning several areas, including communication, theatre, creative writing, art and art history, and music.

College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

Dedicated to excellence in education, research and service, students learn, train and research in cutting-edge facilities and benefit from life on a metropolitan campus in the heart of a dynamic city. The college offers degree programs in teacher education, speech-language pathology, counseling, educational leadership, health and kinesiology, biomechanics, and more. It is also home to internationally renowned research programs in biomechanics that are global leaders in human movement and cardiovascular research.

College of Information Science & Technology

Driving the creation of knowledge and practice in information technology, students benefit from the college's commitment to balancing emerging disciplines with the bedrock fundamentals of information technology. Degree programs are offered in artificial intelligence, computer science, IT innovation, applied computing, cybersecurity, management information systems, and more. The surroundings of a metropolitan campus in an emerging city offer chances to research and grow through associations with industry partners in technology.

College of Public Affairs and Community Service

Meeting critical social needs while staying true to our communities both locally and globally, the college prepares students to be public service leaders. Internationally recognized faculty experts span an array of disciplines that cultivate innovative solutions to pressing issues in the fields of criminology and criminal justice, public administration, gerontology, aviation, social work, and emergency management. The college is home to nationally ranked doctoral programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice as well as Public Administration.

Campus Resources

The [Criss Library](#) strives to create physical and virtual environments that foster the university's goals for teaching, learning, and research. The library serves the entire campus and is a hub of innovation housing the Creative Production Lab, Center for Faculty Excellence, and Office of Digital Learning along with traditional library services and supports for students and faculty. Recently renovated, the library is a common campus destination with study areas for students, a coffee and snack shop, a faculty study lounge, and meeting spaces.

The [Division of Innovative and Learning-Centric Initiatives](#) supports the campus in the growth and development of online courses, teaching and learning support, and academic and non-credit programs.

While the Office of International Programs provides full-service, wrap around support to international students from the first point of contact with UNO all the way through graduation, the university strives to foster a broader culture of student achievement and well-being by offering an array of both academic and cocurricular supports intended to provide holistic support for students both in and outside of the classroom. Academic support and tutoring are available through four teaching-learning centers: Writing Center, Speech Center, Math and Science Learning Center, and the Computer Science Tutoring Lab. Cocurricular supports are provided through the [Division of Student Life and Wellbeing](#), which helps students connect, get help, and take care through offices such as Counseling and Psychological Services, Accessibility Services Center, the Maverick Food Pantry, Health Center, Student Leadership, Involvement, and Inclusion, Hardship Support, Advocacy Services, and Campus Recreation and Wellness.



Innovative, Engaged Research

UNO is known for innovative and engaged research. The University is home to the [National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center of Excellence](#) (NCITE), a national leader in counterterrorism research driven by an interdisciplinary team of faculty from Psychology, Political Science, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Interdisciplinary Informatics, and Management.

The [Division of Biomechanics](#) houses all research conducted by the Department of Biomechanics, the Center for Research in Human Movement Variability, and associated programs. The Division is an interdisciplinary enterprise that features a collaboration between scientists, engineers, surgeons, and clinicians to advance the understanding of health and disease.

NCITE and biomechanics boast internationally renowned, state-of-the-art facilities that enable groundbreaking research with both scholarly and practical applications that significantly impact people's lives. Research programs in biomechanics and NCITE have contributed to the enormous growth in sponsored research funding at UNO, which surpassed \$42 million in 2023.

The Office of Research and Creative Activity (ORCA) provides campus-wide support focused on sponsored programs, research compliance, internal funding, and research development. ORCA also supports student engagement in research and creative activity through the Funding for Undergraduate Scholarly Experience (FUSE) and Graduate Research and Creative Activity (GRACA) programs that provide mentored learning opportunities for students. ORCA also sponsors the Annual Student Research and Creative Activity Fair that showcases student scholastic endeavors and achievements. In 2024, nearly 200 undergraduate and graduate students participated with engagement across all six of UNO's colleges.

Facilities

UNO has added 832,000 total square feet of facilities and renovated more than half of its academic space in recent years. These projects also include a state-of-the-art 120,000 SF home for the College of Business Administration, a new building for the unique and nationally renowned Biomechanics program, new student housing, a 60,000 SF Community Engagement Center that supports and expands university-community partnerships, as well as renovations to many other campus buildings. Capital improvements have also been prioritized through the [Only in Nebraska](#) campaign being led by the University of Nebraska Foundation and include the renovation and expansion of STEM education facilities as well as human futures-focused space for the Samuel Bak Museum, Fried Holocaust and Genocide Academy, Goldstein Center for Human Rights, and Schwalb Center for Israel and Jewish Studies. UNO has also added a new sports arena and a new baseball and softball complex. UNO now participates in NCAA Division 1 athletics in the Summit League and plays hockey in the National Collegiate Hockey Conference.



OMAHA: A CITY OF OPPORTUNITY

In the 2024 Best States ranking by *US News and World Report*, Nebraska proudly holds the #3 spot nationally. The state has garnered commendable positions in various categories: #3 in fiscal stability, #4 in infrastructure, and #9 in natural environment. Additionally, Nebraska ranks #15 for both housing affordability and #10 in cost of living among all 50 states. Notably, it leads the nation at #1 in labor force participation and stands at #16 for job growth and #11 in long-term fiscal stability.

Located on the eastern border of Nebraska, near the Missouri River, Omaha is a center of creativity, business, and philanthropy. The growing metropolitan population is the fastest-growing region in the state, according to the most recent US census data. UNO and Omaha enjoy a dynamic, fruitful, long-term partnership with a shared goal: changing the lives of students and residents while enriching the global community.

In the 2024 *U.S. News and World Report* rankings of Best Places to Live, Omaha was ranked #18. The city is a vibrant, thriving, culturally diverse metropolitan area with a warm and welcoming character and is home to around 1.1 million people. At #41, Omaha is among the 50 largest cities in the United States.

Omaha resides on the past, present, and future treaty homelands of the Omaha [UmoNhoN] and Otoe-Missouria Tribal Nations, and in the region of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, the Santee Sioux Tribe of Nebraska, and 170+ other tribes. The city truly functions as part of the UNO campus. With an economic impact on the city of more than \$605 million through direct, indirect, and charitable services, the relationship between UNO and Omaha offers unlimited opportunities for collaboration.

Internships, Jobs, and Opportunities

Students find internships, careers, and other opportunities in the heart of Nebraska's largest city. Omaha is home to four Fortune 500 companies including Berkshire Hathaway, Mutual of Omaha, Peter Kiewit, and Union Pacific, as well as four Fortune 1000 companies: Valmont Industries, Green Plains Renewable Energy, Werner Enterprises, and First National of Nebraska. The number of tech jobs in Omaha has earned the region the nickname "Silicon Prairie," and the low cost of living is attractive to

those looking to start their own companies. Additionally, Omaha is increasingly attracting people in the information technology and computer science fields.

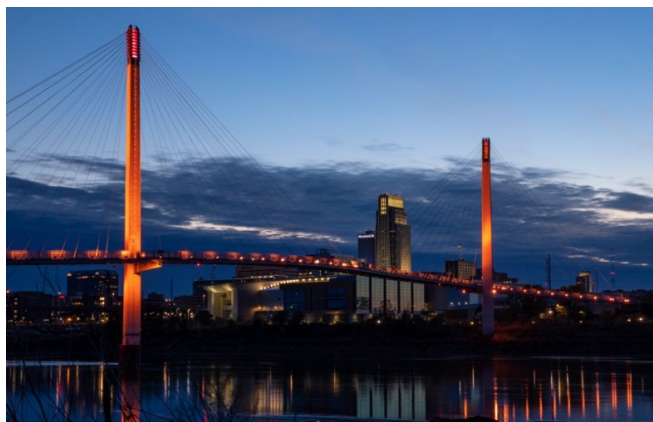
Culture, Entertainment, and Sporting Events

In recent years, the Omaha riverfront and downtown area have experienced tremendous growth with over two billion dollars in new development. Residents and visitors can take in a concert at the [CHI Health Center Omaha](#) or the world-famous [Holland Performing Arts Center](#), catch an art house film at the internationally recognized [Film Streams](#), visit the nationally known [Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#), stroll the more than 100 acres at the [Lauritzen Gardens](#), or shop and dine to your heart's content in the [Old Market](#), [Midtown Crossing](#), or [Aksarben Village](#). Take a walk from Nebraska to Iowa – and back again – on the [Bob Kerrey Bridge](#). This landmark offers a memorable view of Omaha's skyline and is a prominent feature of our newly reinvigorated waterfront.

Signature events hosted in Omaha span a wide array of interests, including the NCAA College World Series (CWS), NCAA Basketball Tournament, U.S. Senior Golf Open, U.S. Olympic Swim Trials (2008, 2012, 2016), U.S. Olympic Curling Trials, U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Big Omaha, Berkshire Hathaway Annual Meetings, and a score of cultural events, such as national movie premieres, concerts, and plays.

Omaha residents enjoy a wide culinary array of dining experiences that range from innovative chef-created cuisine, vegan dining, seafood, sidewalk cafes, a downtown arts and dining district called the Old Market, local breweries and roasters, and ethnic favorites such as Mexican, Italian, French, German, Greek, Indian, and Asian. And, yes, even a few steakhouses.

For more information about living in Omaha, visit the [Omaha Chamber](#).



CAMPUS LEADERSHIP



Chancellor

The University is led by Chancellor Joanne Li, Ph.D., CFA, who assumed her duties as UNO's sixteenth Chancellor in July 2021. Li previously served as dean of the College of Business at Florida International University, the nation's fourth-largest public university. She is the first woman of color to serve as UNO Chancellor and the first Asian-American in the history of the University of Nebraska system to hold an executive leadership role. A first-generation college student who went on to graduate summa cum laude, Li is deeply committed to students and the mission of public higher education with a demonstrated record in improving student outcomes, growing enrollment and programs, enhancing diversity and inclusion, fundraising, and building community partnerships. Learn more about Joanne Li and the Chancellor's Office [here](#).



Senior Vice Chancellor

Ni (Phil) He, Ph.D., is Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and serves as UNO's chief academic officer. As Senior Vice Chancellor, Dr. He provides leadership for UNO's six colleges and library and guides academic initiatives within UNO's strategic plan. Dr. He also has oversight of scholarship and research initiatives, global partnerships and engagement efforts, and UNO's commitment to excellence across undergraduate, graduate, professional, and online programs. Dr. He is an alumnus of UNO, and prior to returning to UNO in January 2023, he served in a variety of academic leadership roles at Northeastern University in Boston including Vice Provost of Faculty Diversity, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs, Vice Provost for Graduate Education, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education, and Associate Dean for the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Learn more about Phil He [here](#).

APPLICATION AND NOMINATION PROCESS

Applications and Requirements

Applicants must possess an advanced degree (e.g., masters degree, juris doctorate), have progressive administrative experience in a higher education environment, and have experience with international student recruitment and international partnership building. To apply for the AVC for Global Engagement, submit the following application materials through the UNO Employment website:

<https://unomaha.peopleadmin.com/postings/22563>

- » Letter of interest that addresses the areas of responsibility and qualifications and includes information on the applicant's relevant experience and expertise.
- » Current CV that includes names and contact information for five (5) professional references; calls will only occur later in the search process and with prior notification to the candidate.

The review of applications will begin 1/8/2025 and continue until the position is filled.

Nominations and Additional Information

For additional information or a confidential discussion about the AVC for Global Engagement position, please contact Dr. Neal Grandgenett, Search Committee Chair and Dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, at 402.554.2306 or via email at ngrandgenett@unomaha.edu.

To submit nominations or for questions about how to apply, application status, or other technical questions, please contact Dr. Candice Batton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, at 402.554.4452 or via email at cbatton@unomaha.edu.

All inquiries will be kept confidential. Information and updates on the search is also [available here](#) on the International Programs website.

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