Partnering

We will create novel, substantive, and entrepreneurial partnerships with businesses, community groups, and governments to support and enhance our impact on the local and global community.

OUR GOAL

The University will share our knowledge, research, and creativity and become more active partner in creative enterprises and innovation to enhance the quality of life for the people of Arizona and the world.

STRATEGIES, ACTIONS, AND INITIATIVES

1. Better adapt our land-grant mission for the 21st century, including a global strategy.
   - Modify promotion and tenure guidelines and criteria to recognize engagement and community-based research and knowledge application.
   - Develop more and better service-learning and applied-research opportunities for students in Arizona and abroad.
   - Position the UA to serve as a preferred consultant in innovating, developing, executing, and assessing critical knowledge-based and capacity development projects worldwide.

2. Expand, develop, and sustain community and industry partnerships, locally and globally, via innovative programs.
   - Improve internal business processes to facilitate and leverage community and industry relationships with the University.
   - Expand the roles of community and business partners in Academic Program Reviews.
   - Provide more opportunities for employers, educators, and families to become more deeply engaged with the University through events, roundtables, and boards.
   - Encourage and support more partnerships among internal academic programs and with key external partners.

3. Increase capacity in critical and emerging fields such as education, health sciences, STEM, and cultural competence.
   - Better engage business and community partners to expand internship opportunities.
   - Define and develop appropriate pathways for competency-based evaluation and credit.
   - Determine the best use of technology and other modes of delivering educational and informational content to best engage with learners and communities locally and abroad.
   - Significantly grow our educational offerings face-to-face, online, and hybrid, to better address growing needs in critical and emerging fields and to better define the UA’s role in connecting learners to knowledge and to each other.

4. Align output with workforce and knowledge needs, in our region and around the world.
   - Expand opportunities to collaborate with schools, agencies, and industry on professional development and certificate programs statewide, nationally, and abroad.
   - Coordinate with K-12 school districts to ensure that curriculum adequately prepares students for postsecondary work and that students have clear and preferred pathways to the UA.
   - Work with business and community leaders to develop integrated workforce and economic development plans.