



UTAH ACADEMIC LIBRARY CONSORTIUM:

THE IMPACT OF LEGISLATIVE FUNDING

The Utah Academic Library Consortium (UALC) is the cooperative organization for academic libraries in the state of Utah. With legislative support, we work collectively to share resources and provide **equitable access** to high-quality and **cost-effective** information resources, research infrastructure, and support services. We have been statewide leaders to advance **student success and research outcomes, improving the quality of life** across the state while promoting **fiscal responsibility**.

Through UALC's collective work, all people of Utah benefit from the strength of our academic libraries.



"[Library resources] encourage students to learn nursing competency skills, critical thinking skills, and communication skills. This results in better, more prepared nurses, and ultimately better care and outcomes for patients."

-University of Utah
College of Nursing Faculty

CURRENT IMPACT

In 2018, the legislature provided an additional \$800,000 in ongoing funding, for a total of nearly \$3.7 million. This funding provides access to core electronic journals and databases available to **all** students and faculty at USHE's colleges and universities, resulting in:



AFFORDABILITY

More affordable educational materials for students



ACCESS & COMPLETION

Increased access to college entry and a reduction in barriers to completion



RESEARCH

Increased faculty research through enhanced library collections



WORKFORCE ALIGNMENT

Specialized resources that align with Utah's workforce needs

Through UALC support and funding, **students across the state** have access to more than:

35,000

scholarly journals

37,000

technical publications

200,000

electronic books

6,800

newspapers and media sources



In 2020 - 2021, faculty and students conducted nearly **11 million searches** and had more than **6 million downloads** of electronic articles, books, or other documents.

THE POWER OF SHARED SERVICES AND COLLECTIVE BUYING

The 2018 legislative funding increase enabled UALC to add subscriptions and combat annual publisher price increases for five years. With the growth in academic programs at institutions across the state, additional funding will enable UALC to strategically grow and sustain the core collection of resources essential to continue training our students for high demand careers.

UALC saves money via shared services and collective buying. The consortium negotiates pricing and licenses for critical databases supporting the educational and research mission of public higher education libraries in the state of Utah. Together we have leveraged our power to secure access, centrally funded through legislative allocation, for the following resources:

ALLIED HEALTH

Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINAHL)
Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)
New England Journal of Medicine
Nursing Reference Center
Lippincott Nursing E-Journals (OVID)
PsycINFO Database

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (STEM)

Association for Computing Machinery E-Journal Collection
American Society of Mechanical Engineering E-Journal Package
BioOne Complete E-Journal Package (350 titles)
MathSciNet Database and E-Journal Collection
O'Reilly Tech Books (formerly Safari)

GENERAL EDUCATION

Art Full Text Database
CQ Researcher (Congressional Quarterly) Database
EBSCO Academic E-Books
EBSCO Host Academic Search Ultimate Database
Education Full Text Database
Ethnic Newswatch News Database
Gale Academic OneFile
Gale Archives (digitized primary sources)
GenderWatch News Database
Gale Virtual Reference Library Suite
JSTOR E-Journal Suite (11 modules)
Modern Language Association Database
Project Muse E-Journal Suite
Utah Media Association Newspapers

2024 Budget Request: \$240,000 for library and database allocations.

UALC submitted a 2024 budget request to USHE for \$240,000, which would cover projected price increases to our current shared subscriptions for three years.