In both her personal and professional efforts, USU student Ekeoma (Ugo) Ezeh has dedicated herself to modeling behavior that promotes diversity and maximizes opportunities to achieve diversity. As a student of color, Ugo strives to be her authentic self and demonstrates why celebrating diversity makes USU a better place. She is a strong supporter of the work done by the Office of Global Engagement and the Inclusion Center’s staff and multicultural student groups, and she cultivates acceptance in her daily life in the way that she treats and engages with others.

As a student intern in the Office of Equity, Ezeh continually demonstrates her commitment to enhancing academic, employment and community relations among people who are different in numerous ways. She was instrumental in helping to develop and refine inclusion and implicit bias training for USU employees after conducting research at all Utah colleges, in order to develop recommendations for enhancing USU’s diversity and inclusion efforts. Ezeh also studied USU’s diversity and inclusion efforts in the classroom, leading to recommendations for improving the ways in which students are exposed to, and taught about, such topics.

An active participant of student life, Ezeh serves as the student coordinator for the Anti-Racist Solidarity Group and is the vice president for the Black Student Union, where she frequently engages in dialogue related to giving marginalized groups, such as international students and student employees of color who have experienced bias, a voice.