

# UTAH STATE UNIVERSITY

## New Faculty Orientation For Success and Foundations of USU Teaching

Jon M. Huntsman Building, Huntsman Hall, HH320  
Monday, August 11, 2025  
7:30 am – 5:00 pm

## AGENDA

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7:30 am – 8:30 am

**Registration & Breakfast**  
Perry Pavilion, Huntsman Hall

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8:30 am – 9:00 am

**Welcome**

**Larry H. Smith**  
Provost and Executive Vice President

*Provost Smith will introduce himself and welcome our new faculty to Utah State University, then present an overview of the morning's events.*

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9:00 am – 10:15 am

**Positioning Yourself for Success at Utah State:  
Faculty Perspectives**

**Abby Benninghoff**  
Professor and Department Head, Quinney College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

**Cree Taylor**  
Senior Lecturer and Director of Experimental Learning Strategy, College of Arts and Sciences

**James Morton**  
Assistant Professor, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services

**Todd Griffith**  
Associate Professor, Huntsman School of Business, Faculty Senate President

*A panel comprised of a USU Professor, an Associate Professor, an Assistant Professor, and a Senior Lecturer will share personal reflections and offer advice on becoming a productive and successful USU faculty member. They will then field questions about the USU faculty experience.*

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10:15 am – 10:30 am

**BREAK**

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10:30 am – 11:00 am

**Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President**

**Harrison Kleiner**  
Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education

*An overview of the student life cycle including resources that are available to help students be successful at Utah State University.*

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11:00 am – 11:30 am

**School of Graduate Studies**

**David Feldon**

Vice Provost of Graduate Studies

**Susannah French**

Associate Vice Provost of Graduate Studies

*An overview of the School of Graduate Studies including the resources that are available to set yourself up for success.*

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11:30 am – 12:00 pm

**Human Resources**

**Leslie Buxton**

Training and Development Specialist

**Becca Seamons**

Associate Director, Performance Management, Conflict Resolution, Workplace Investigations, Policy Compliance

**Glee Wooley**

ADA Coordinator, Benefits

**Jodi Morgan**

Associate Director, Employment & Compensation

*Human Resources representatives will provide USU background and review key information to help new faculty get established at USU.*

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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

**Lunch & Mingle**

Perry Pavilion, Huntsman Hall

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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Foundations of USU Teaching**

Empowering Teaching Excellence

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