

**UTAH COUNTY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES:  
REPLICATION OF SUCCESSFUL EARLY COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL - ABSTRACT**

The Utah County Academy of Sciences (UCAS) is an Early College High School located on the campus of Utah Valley University (UVU) in the Orem, Utah area. UCAS was chartered by the Utah State Board of Education in 2004. UCAS operates independently and has established partnerships with UVU and the three local school districts in the Utah County area - Alpine, Provo, and Nebo School Districts. UCAS is centrally located in the Utah County area and its mission is to provide a quality early-college education to a diverse student population emphasizing science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) with the opportunity to earn both a high school diploma and up to two years of college credit in a safe, supportive, dual-campus environment.

UCAS Early College High School has a highly successful model, and has ranked in the top 5 high schools in the State since it opened to students in 2005. UCAS has a 100% high school graduation rate and 80% of their students earn an Associate Degree each year. UCAS has a focus on the development of successful college students – not only academically, but also emotionally and socially as well. Because of the success of the UCAS model, there has been a large demand for students to attend UCAS, with waiting lists to get into the school each year. UCAS is expanding their current program of 400 students to 1,000 students in the next three to five years. UCAS is committed to ensuring the successful planning, program design and replication of our program; and to that end, is seeking financial assistance through their initial planning year, and the first four years of a new school's replication and operation.