

UTAH RURAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Elevating the Leader in You · 2023-24

“We become better leaders when we embrace opportunities and continue to learn together.” –Brandy Grace, Utah Association of Counties CEO

Utah Rural Leadership Academy facilitates powerful learning exercises to assist emerging and established leaders in Utah’s rural county communities. The Academy aims to equip the state’s county-level elected officials and executives with relevant administration and management skills through multiple learning experiences and in-person activities. Key relationship building is combined with growth and development opportunities for assisting counties in operating vibrantly, responding to demands and preparing for Utah’s future.

Launch Timeline

Application and Academy Kickoff

1. **Application Deadline is Aug. 30, 2023**

2. Virtual Orientation (September date TBD)
3. Academy Kickoff and Leadership Day at One Utah Summit with Gov. Spencer J. Cox (Oct. 3, 2023)

3 Learning Tracks

Courses and Learning Modules Divided Into Three Tracks

1. Intergovernmental Relations and Partnerships (Oct.-Dec.)
2. Public Budgeting and Finance (March-May)
3. Rural Governance Incubator (May-Aug.)

Network Building

In-person and Virtual Learning Opportunities for Powerful Network Development and Access to State Leadership

- Four in-person events:
1. URLA Kickoff at Utah One Summit
 2. New Year Retreat
 3. URLA Retreat at UAC Managers Conference
 4. Graduation at One Utah Summit 2024

Solutions Incubator

Rural Governance Incubator

Allows cohort members to workshop key issues and build solutions for addressing current and relevant opportunities and challenges facing Utah’s rural communities. A powerful capstone to the year-long Academy experience.



Learn with your state leaders. **Apply at suu.edu/urla**