



**VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, COLLEGE OF PHARMACY
LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY
BROOKLYN, NY**

THE SEARCH

Long Island University is seeking a bold, visionary, collaborative leader as their next Vice Dean for Academic Affairs (Vice Dean) of the College of Pharmacy. One of the oldest and largest schools of pharmacy in the country, LIU Pharmacy has continued to evolve and adapt with the remarkable advancements in technology, automation, and electronic record management driving the formation of a rapidly growing new "Pharmacy Industry." This is an extraordinary opportunity for a transformational leader to build on the College of Pharmacy's 136-year history of excellence, grow innovative and ground-breaking research, and support a dedicated faculty in preparing students for the next chapter in the evolution of pharmacy.

LIU Pharmacy is committed to preparing the next generation of pharmacy leaders with the education and skills necessary to capitalize on opportunities arising from the ongoing evolution of pharmacy. LIU Pharmacy is preparing students for the advances in such established areas as chronic disease pharmacotherapy and pharmacy automation and to take advantage of significant opportunities created by the application of data analytics and artificial/augmented intelligence which enhance accuracy, performance and global cost management, while further advancing the clinical progress pharmacists have achieved in delivering patient care.

LIU was the first university to offer an M.S. in Drug Regulatory Affairs. They have also made strategic investments in state-of-the-art technology to enhance the pharmacy curriculum including collaborations with Dassault Systèmes, a world leader in AI technologies to enhance LIU's offerings in digital health, personalized medicine, and drug discovery through an advanced learning lab. Through a partnership with Omnicell, a leading provider of medication management and adherence tools for health systems and pharmacies, they have built a new laboratory to provide an immersive pharmacy technology and analytics experience for LIU Pharmacy students. LIU Pharmacy has played a key role in the growth of LIU's overall research enterprise including achieving R2 status in 2022 and is poised to support LIU's goal of reaching R1 status by 2030.

Reporting to the Dean, the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs will build on the strengths of the College of Pharmacy while actively seeking opportunities to continue to position the college for future success. The Vice Dean will develop a strategic data-driven vision for the expansion of innovative research and increasing the recruitment and retention of students. Additionally, the next Vice Dean will ensure that the PharmD and PhD programs are supported through faculty hiring, mentoring, and retention. The Vice Dean will foster collaboration and collegiality across the university, leveraging opportunities to gain efficiency, enhance academic operations, and reimagine physical spaces. The Vice Dean will be attentive to maintaining the high standards needed for accreditation and assure student support. The Vice Dean will engage with students, staff, faculty, and constituents to highlight the outstanding opportunities at LIU Pharmacy and in the field.

Long Island University has retained the national executive search firm Isaacson, Miller to assist in this important recruitment. Please direct all inquiries and applications as indicated at the end of this document. The target salary for this role is \$180,000-250,000 and will be commensurate with experience.

LONG ISLAND UNIVERSITY

Long Island University (LIU) was founded in 1926. The university is committed to providing a high-quality education through teaching excellence and impactful research opportunities. LIU offers over 230 undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral degree programs, educating nearly 16,000 students each year. The university cultivates academic, professional, artistic, and co-curricular opportunities.

LIU has expanded access to higher education for students for nearly a century. Achievement of evolving higher education goals requires innovative academic and career-relevant programs paired with high-impact learning opportunities. Current academic programs have been strengthened to provide a superior education, and new programs are in development to meet 21st-century workforce needs. Reflective in new schools and programs, the University continues to hire talented faculty from the nation's leading universities. As a result, LIU students will enter the workforce with the requisite academic and professional skills to fulfill career goals and meet employer demands.

LIU Brooklyn offers more professional programs in health care than any other campus in the New York metropolitan area, including the Arnold and Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy & Health Science, The Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing, The Roosevelt School, and LIU's Health Professions. The Roc Nation School of Music, Sports and Entertainment provides dynamic instruction and interaction with top artists and industry leaders in the classroom. The Polk School of Communications is aligned with the nearly 75-year history of the university's Polk awards for investigative journalism.

LIU Post is a scenic, historic, and scholarly campus that offers a small-school environment with the access and resources of a major metropolitan university. The university's 334-acre campus is located on the former estate of Marjorie Merriweather Post, 27 miles east of New York City on Long Island's Gold Coast. The campus houses the College of Veterinary Medicine — one of only four in the northeast — the nation's

first professional School of Accountancy, an AACSB-accredited Business School, recognized by Princeton Review as a top business school for 15 consecutive years, and a theater program ranked in the top 30 in the nation and a recipient of 20 Kennedy Center Awards. LIU is home to the world-renowned Tilles Center for the Performing Arts, featuring top artists and providing master class instruction for students.

LIU Global offers a one-of-a-kind bachelor's degree around the globe. It spans eight countries on five continents, preparing students for careers as global leaders in international business, entrepreneurship, and communications.

LIU's unwavering commitment to providing students a high-quality, affordable education is demonstrated through the in-demand programs, world-class faculty, and state-of-the art academic and campus facilities the university provides to their exceptional students.

Long Island University has a tradition of excelling in athletics. The Division I Sharks compete in 38 NCAA sports at the Bethpage Federal Credit Stadium and the Barclay's Center.

LIU's financial position is the strongest it has been in its long history, and the university's recognition as a national teaching and research university is solidified through this strength. Over the last 10 years, the endowment has quadrupled from \$99.6 million in 2014 to \$396.7 million as of August 31, 2023. Since 2014, LIU has continued to honor its pledge of affordable tuition with annual tuition rate increases of two percent or less. Average national and regional tuition rate increases were roughly double that during this timeframe. As a result, LIU tuition and fees are as much as 35 percent less than its regional peers.

From the shores of Long Island to the epicenter of business and tech innovation in Brooklyn, and to the far corners of the world, LIU offers a unique college experience for every student seeking academic enrichment and professional opportunity. Upon graduation, LIU students join a community of more than 220,000 alumni in 112 countries to become global leaders in fields that include the arts, health sciences, media, education, pharmacy, business, technology, public service, and professional sports.

THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

History

The Arnold & Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (The College of Pharmacy), the oldest unit of LIU, was founded in 1886 (under its original name, The Brooklyn College of Pharmacy) by a group of pharmacists and physicians who had organized themselves as the Kings County Pharmaceutical Society. In 1929 the College first affiliated with the relatively young LIU (1926) for the purpose of awarding degrees. This affiliation eventually led to a full corporate merger of the College of Pharmacy and the University along with the relocation of the College to the Brooklyn campus of LIU in 1976.

Mission and Vision

The mission of LIU Pharmacy is to educate, lead and serve. The vision is to achieve preeminence in pharmacy education, research and service through our commitments to:

- Embrace, educate and empower individuals who seek to become pharmacists and pharmaceutical scientists
- Lead and advance the profession of pharmacy and the pharmaceutical sciences through innovative practice, research and teaching and learning
- Serve the greater community by utilizing our academic disciplines as avenues for dialogue and creation with the world outside

LIU Pharmacy Today

Today the College of Pharmacy is one of the largest pharmacy schools in the country with graduate studies 700 in the [PharmD program](#) and 450 in graduate studies programs including:

- [Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences - Pharmaceutics Track](#)
- [Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences - Pharmacology/Toxicology Track](#)
- [Master of Science in Drug Regulatory Affairs](#)
- [Master of Science in Pharmaceutics with Specialization in Cosmetic Sciences](#)
- [Master of Science in Pharmaceutics with Specialization in Industrial Pharmacy](#)
- [Master of Science in Pharmacology & Toxicology](#)
- [Master of Science in Pharmacy Administration](#)

LIU Pharmacy graduates had a 65% first-time pass rates for the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and Multistate Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (MJPE)—76%.

LIU Pharmacy Centers and Institutes

Over the last 5 years LIU has significantly increased their research expenditures, achieving R2 status in 2022 and today has research expenditures of \$16M. The College of Pharmacy has played a significant role in the research expansion, making up almost a quarter of the total university research expenditures.

LIU has made investments in state-of-the-art technology to enhance the pharmacy curriculum. One example is LIU's collaboration with Dassault Systèmes, a world leader in AI technologies. This partnership promises developments in research and education by enhancing LIU's offerings in digital health, personalized medicine, and drug discovery through an advanced learning lab. LIU's drug discovery platform is a pioneering project in the field of AI-driven pharmaceutical sciences. Another example is the Center for Innovative Medication Management (CIMM), a state-of-the-art laboratory developed in partnership with Omnicell, a leading provider of medication management and adherence tools for health

systems and pharmacies, to provide an immersive pharmacy technology and analytics experience for LIU Pharmacy students.

Below is a full list of LIU Pharmacy Centers and Institutes:

[Leonardi Institute for Health Analytics and AI](#)

Leonardi Institute for Health Analytics and AI utilizes the latest technologies and AI for the delivery of evidence-based healthcare. The Institute analyzes real-world data to generate real-world evidence that can be used to improve patient outcomes and reduce the total cost of care. The Institute also provides drug information services to students, faculty, preceptors, consumers, and other healthcare professionals.

[The Samuel J. and Joan B. Williamson Institute for Pharmacometrics](#)

The Samuel J. and Joan B. Williamson Institute for Pharmacometrics is a center for academic excellence training the next generation of pharmacometricians. It is housed in a fully renovated research laboratory with computer resources complete with highly sophisticated software packages designed specifically for quantitative analysis in the areas of pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and drug design.

[Leon Lachman Institute for Pharmaceutical Analysis](#)

The Lachman Institute for Pharmaceutical Analysis is a fully renovated 2300 square foot analytical laboratory equipped with advanced analytical instrumentation in support of pre-clinical drug development research, industrial drug development and compounding pharmacy activities. The core capabilities for the Institute are focused on physical and chemical characterization including: solid state properties of APIs/excipients and dosage forms, chemical characteristics and chemical stability, degradant identification and quantitation, and changes during processing and storage.

[Natoli Institute for Industrial Pharmacy Research and Development](#)

The Natoli Institute for Industrial Pharmacy Research and Development, established by LIU Pharmacy in partnership with Natoli Engineering, advances knowledge in the field of pharmaceutical solid oral dosage formulation and engineering. It furthers pharmaceutical compression science and supports research into the industry's most complex challenges. The laboratory provides research opportunities for both Pharm.D. professional students and graduate students. Resources provided to the pharmaceutical tableting industry include new product manufacturing studies, tablet tooling, sticking and picking evaluations, and new formulation technologies.

[Center for Innovative Medication Management](#)

The Center for Innovative Medication Management (CIMM) is a state-of-the-art laboratory developed in partnership with Omnicell, a leading provider of medication management and adherence tools for health systems and pharmacies, to provide an immersive pharmacy technology and analytics experience for LIU Pharmacy students.

Pharmacy Leadership Institute

Dedicated to providing emerging leaders with the necessary management skills to effectively lead in the ever-changing field of pharmacy. Students will learn current industry needs in such areas as resource management, medication safety and developing staff.

Facilities

LIU Pharmacy (Main Building)

The three-story main building of LIU Pharmacy houses the offices of the Dean and Pharmacy Administration. Adjacent to these offices is the Dean's conference room. In addition, the first floor of the building houses the Office of Student and Professional Affairs and Office of Student and Professional Activities. Faculty office suites for the Divisions of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy Practice are located in the basement of this building. The suites consist of offices for divisional faculty members and support staff as well as a conference room. The second floor of the building contains a student lounge, a faculty lounge, an office for student professional organizations, a lecture room, and the Office of Continuing Professional Education. The third floor of the main building houses additional faculty office suites for the Division of Pharmacy Practice and a quiet study room for pharmacy students.

William Zeckendorf Health Sciences Center

This six-story facility houses offices, classrooms, laboratories and student study spaces for LIU Pharmacy as well as the Harriet Rothkopf Heilbrunn School of Nursing and School of Health Professions. The Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences occupies the sixth floor of the building. In addition to division and faculty offices the sixth floor contains numerous research laboratories, a seminar room, a conference room and a study room for students.

Pharmacy Wet Lab Building

The three-story Wet Lab Building contains a mix of faculty offices, research facilities and teaching laboratories. The first floor of the building houses a Physical Assessment Laboratory that utilizes computer technology and other equipment to provide students with "hands-on" training and practice in physical assessment as well as a student study space that facilitates group work. The second-floor houses research laboratories for the Division of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Pharmacy Dispensing Laboratory and the Duane Reade Integrated Pharmaceutical Care Laboratory. The third floor of the building houses three newly constructed state-of-the-art research facilities: the Natoli Institute for Industrial Pharmacy Research and Development; Joan and Samuel J. Williamson Institute for Pharmacometrics; and the Leon Lachman Institute for Pharmaceutical Analysis. The third floor also houses the college's Animal Care Facility.

New Building

RXR, a leading real estate developer, recently broke ground on a new all-electric residential development project at 89 Dekalb Avenue in Brooklyn. In addition to 324 residential units, the building will provide

55,000 square feet of academic and office space to be used by LIU faculty and students including the College of Pharmacy. The building is scheduled to open in 2026.

UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP

Kimberly R. Cline became the 10th president of Long Island University in July 2013. Dr. Cline has led the nearly century old institution through a transformational process to provide students with an exceptional education that emphasizes experiential learning and excellence in teaching and research. Dr. Cline's tenure has seen dynamic new schools, centers, and career-ready programs launched at LIU to increase retention and graduation, attract high achieving applicants, and improve philanthropy, while exposing students to high-demand academic programs led by innovative leadership. Along with a Bachelor of Science in Industrial Relations, Dr. Cline also holds a Master of Business Administration, Juris Doctor, and Doctor of Educational Administration. She previously served as Vice Chancellor and Chief Financial Officer of the State University of New York system.

Adam Marcus assumed the role of Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs in August 2024. Prior to joining LIU he served as Deputy Director for Winship Cancer Institute of Emory University and as a tenured Winship Research Professor in the Department of Hematology and Medical Oncology. He also served as the Associate Vice President for Research in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center and Associate Dean in the School of Medicine. Dr. Marcus is an international leader in cancer biology research and also co-leads community engaged education research across the state focused on improving diversity in STEM careers. Dr. Marcus received his B.S. in Biology from Binghamton University, his Ph.D. in Biology from The Pennsylvania State University, and a post-doctoral fellowship in cancer pharmacology at Emory University.

Arash Dabestani has served as Dean and Professor of the College of Pharmacy at LIU since November 2020. Prior to coming to LIU, Dr. Dabestani served as Senior Director of Pharmacy at NYU Langone. While at NYU Langone, Dr. Dabestani was responsible for leading a staff of 300 and managing an annual budget in excess of \$250M, as well as transforming his department into one of the most well-regarded automated and technologically advanced departments of pharmacy worldwide. As Dean at LIU, his focus has been on elevating the College of Pharmacy's national prominence and ranking and building on transformational synergies in drug discovery and generics with LIU's health and science programs. Dr. Dabestani was named the Virginia Society of Health System Pharmacists 2007 Pharmacist of the Year and is an American Society of Health-System Pharmacists (ASHP) Fellow, and he served multiple terms on the ASHP Section of the Pharmacy Practice Manager's Leadership Development section.

ROLE OF THE VICE DEAN FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS, THE COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Working alongside the Dean, the Vice Dean for Academic Affairs serves as an academic and professional leader, providing oversight of all academic matters. The Vice Dean will represent the College of Pharmacy at local, regional, and national meetings and organizations, and participate in College and

University level committees. The Vice Dean must be eligible for a faculty appointment at the rank of Full Professor.

- Oversee the establishment of goals, objectives, and policies for the College of Pharmacy
- Responsible for operations and organizational effectiveness of all academic and assigned administrative units
- Provide leadership for the planning, development, implementation, and assessment of the College's strategic initiatives and operations
- Conduct annual evaluations of faculty and provide faculty support for reappointment/promotion during the tenure and promotion process
- Engage with faculty and staff to enhance mentorship within the College
- Collaborate as needed with the division chairs to draft faculty workloads (teaching)
- Handles sabbatical leave requests and other leaves of absence, vacation schedule, Outside Professional Activity forms, service assignments, purchase orders, meeting, and travel approvals
- Oversee agreements and collaborations with affiliates, partners, and other institutions
- Serve as liaison between the College of Pharmacy and the University (deans, departments, and senior leadership)
- Set stipend and tuition waiver levels as allowed
- Work with faculty to develop programs for advancement of the faculty, promoting contemporary pedagogical approaches, faculty academic success and well-being
- In collaboration with the faculty facilitate the development, implementation, assessment, and revision the didactic and experiential curriculum for the PharmD program
- Develop, implement, assess, and revise the curriculum, including course development, mentoring of course coordinators, adjunct faculty, assessment, and other activities related to the graduate program
- Support the Office of Assessment and the Associate Dean of Assessment
- Develop and manage assigned budgets
- Conduct classroom faculty observations to identify physical, technical, and educational resources needed to support optimal student learning
- Engage in scholarly activities in areas of interest and expertise
- Receive and address questions, complaints, grievances, and suggestions from members of the College, both academic and staff personnel, and from students; take appropriate action as required
- Work with the Assistant Dean for Student and Professional Affairs to prepare schedule of courses that assures appropriate and effective use of College and University facilities and resources in teaching and learning
- Work with the Coordinator of the Teaching and Learning Certificate Program to assess and revise the teaching certificate program as needed

OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

Continue to expand cutting-edge research and discovery at the College of Pharmacy.

The College of Pharmacy is integral in continuing the remarkable expansion of research at LIU with the target of reaching R1 status by 2030. The Vice Dean will work closely with the Dean, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Research, and other colleagues to pursue research opportunities in a purposeful way that builds upon the College of Pharmacy's strengths including pharmacology, drug design, and computational chemistry. The Vice Dean must also work collaboratively to develop support systems that will lead to even higher levels of research success, establish a culture of creativity, and make the College of Pharmacy a destination for faculty with ambitious research goals. The Vice Dean will continue to leverage existing external partnerships and identify new partnerships in support of expanding research.

Recruit, retain, and mentor excellent and diverse faculty and staff

Faculty are at the core of the College of Pharmacy and the new Vice Dean will be their advocate and advisor to further grow educational opportunities for students. The Vice Dean will work to build trust with the faculty and ensure open lines of communication with their union. They will ensure that new faculty hires will continue to contribute to the strong reputation of the school and bring innovative and creative solutions to expanding educational experiences for students. The Vice Dean will also serve as a mentor to all faculty, encouraging each faculty member to pursue their individual goals and sustaining a culture of collegiality, opportunity, and excellence.

Champion innovative solutions to national enrollment trends

In the face of an increasing number of pharmacy colleges and a declining number of applicants for PharmD programs nationwide, the incoming Vice Dean will be expected to partner closely with the Dean to develop a strategic data driven approach to address the school's enrollment pressures. The Vice Dean will be a strong advocate for the profession, showcasing the opportunities for individual growth and impact in the pharmacy field. The Vice Dean will also work to bolster the student pathway by elevating the college through marketing and promotion both nationally and internationally.

Enhance the overall academic operations while maintaining accreditation

The Vice Dean should be a collaborative leader who can assess existing academic operations and leverage opportunities to reduce duplication of services through new partnerships across the university, while maintaining the standards needed to maintain accreditation. The opening of new academic space in 2026 will also create an opportunity for the Vice Dean to reimagine the use of existing space in service of enhancing the academic operations, student experience, and research.

Improve overall student experience and support.

The Vice Dean will create programs and initiatives aimed at improving student retention and pass rates. They will carefully assess existing student support and look for targeted areas for improvement. The Vice Dean will further examine current academic programs and identify opportunities for new programs in response to student demand and interest.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The following qualifications represent the broad set of skills and personal attributes deemed important for success as the next Vice Dean for Academic Affairs.

- A PharmD or PhD or graduate degree with relevant experience
- Distinguished leadership experience with substantial administrative experience, preferably at the rank of Assistant Dean or higher, and a record of scholarly achievement in teaching or research and/or accomplishments in practice
- A demonstrated record and strong commitment to pharmacy education and advancing diversity
- Proven success or aptitude for relating positively with students, faculty, pharmacy practitioners, alumni, pharmaceutical industry representatives, pharmacy association leaders, the business community, and state and local government officials
- The ability to lead, support, develop, and recruit a distinguished, accomplished, and diverse faculty
- The ability to manage budgets, projects, and allocated resources and prioritize goals
- Exceptional social and interpersonal skills and written and oral communication skills
- Credentials that merit appointment at the rank of full professor
- Ability to work collaboratively within the school and across the university

Compensation and Location

This is a permanent, full-time position in Brooklyn, New York with a starting salary range of \$180,000-\$250,000 and will be commensurate with experience.

TO APPLY

Inquiries, nominations, and applications should be directed in confidence to:

Dan Rodas, Partner
Liz Braun, Senior Associate
Seema Khan, Senior Search Coordinator
Isaacson, Miller

Electronic submission of materials is encouraged via:

<https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/long-island-university-college-pharmacy/vice-dean-academic-affairs>

LIU is an equal opportunity employer. LIU is committed to extending equal opportunity in employment to all qualified candidates who can contribute to the diversity and excellence of its academic community. LIU encourages applications from all qualified individuals without regard to race, color, religion, genetic information, sexual orientation, gender and/or gender identity or expression, marital or parental status, national origin, ethnicity, citizenship status, veteran or military status, age, disability, or any other basis protected by applicable local, state, or federal laws. Hiring is contingent on eligibility to work in the United States.

APPENDIX

LIU 2030: The University of the Future

Long Island University's Strategic Plan, LIU 2030: The University of the Future, is aligned with LIU's mission to provide excellence and access in private higher education to those who seek to expand their knowledge and prepare themselves for meaningful, educated lives and for service to their communities and the world. LIU's intent is to elevate the University to a competitive, nationally recognized, globally engaged teaching and research institution. The development of this visionary blueprint was advanced through an inclusive, comprehensive process to identify strategies and corresponding tactics to reach the highest levels of academic achievement and national prominence organized around four institutional goals:

- Advance academic excellence through innovation
- Advance solutions for a sustainable global future
- Advance exceptional fiscal health and agility
- Advance student engagement through extraordinary and distinctive experience

BROOKLYN AND POST CAMPUSES

Students, Faculty, and Staff

With a student enrollment of nearly 16,000 students, our student body represents more than 90 countries. LIU has been designated as a minority serving institution, including 10% of students that identify as Black/African American, 14% that identify as Latinx/Hispanic, 11.5% that identify as Asian/Pacific Islander, and 45% that identify as White/Caucasian. 19% are first-generation college students and 30% of enrolled students are Pell eligible.

379 full-time professors teach at LIU, as well as 788 part-time faculty members, with a significant majority holding the highest degree in their respective fields. The faculty includes numerous Fulbright Scholars, and in 2014, LIU was one of just nine master's institutions nationwide to have four Fulbright professors teaching abroad. LIU's faculty also includes Academy Award winners, prominent journalists, award-winning authors, leading scientists whose research has contributed to significant medical advances, and many more experienced and accomplished professionals.

Overall, LIU employs 771 dedicated, skilled, and engaged staff; 560 are full-time employees and 211 work part time.

LIU's Research Expansion

From 2019 to 2024 research expenditures at LIU grew from \$2.4M to \$16M. In 2022 LIU was awarded the Carnegie Classification as an R2 "High Research Activity" doctoral institution earning a position in the top seven percent of US universities with over \$5 million in annual research expenditures. LIU aims to reach R1 status by 2030 utilizing strategic research growth and investment, talent management cluster hires, and research partnerships.

They have identified the following signature research areas:

- Innovative Cures: Research focused innovative diagnoses, treatment and prevention of human disease.
- One Health: One Health, the nexus between human, animal and environmental health, forms the base for important research to improve quality of life and the health of the planet.
- Future of Business: 21st Century commerce requires digital literacy, computational savvy and new financial, marketing and management tools attuned to global demand.
- Data Analytics: Big Data is ubiquitous across all fields of scientific and technological inquiry and is essential in economic development, professional activities, future workforce training
- Resilient Communities: Research centered on robust, healthy, and engaged communities

Student Access and Affordability

The growth of the University's endowment is a driving force for college affordability. The University's commitment to affordable tuition through modest 2% annual tuition rate increases since 2014 plays a key role in the affordability of an LIU education. Furthermore, 98% of first-time, full-time undergraduate students receive grant or scholarship aid, and the average aide amount received is \$27,862; 40% of full-time beginning undergraduate students receive Pell grants with an average aid amount of \$5,354 (source: U.S. Department of Education).

The Hope Scholars program offers academically prepared, high-need students the opportunity to graduate tuition-debt free. Students with high financial need and strong academic performance are eligible for the program. LIU, corporations, and industry donors cover the gap between tuition cost and the recipient's federal and state financial aid, allowing Hope Scholars to attend LIU tuition-free. In Fall

2023, 49 Hope Scholars entered LIU, joining 225 continuing students for a total of 274 registered Hope Scholars in the Fall 2023 semester.