



**SAINT LOUIS
UNIVERSITY™**

**Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer
Saint Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri**

THE SEARCH

Saint Louis University (SLU), a nationally recognized Jesuit research university with a thriving global footprint, seeks an experienced, collaborative and mission-driven leader to serve as its Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer.

This executive will join SLU at a pivotal moment in its 208 year history. With a new strategic plan under development, a renewed emphasis on the holistic education and success of the student, its recent rise to R1 designation, and the arrival of a new president, [Dr. Edward Feser](#), SLU is well positioned for its next chapter. Building on a deep commitment to student success, growing research ambition, and broad community impact, the University seeks an individual who can lead efforts to translate strategic priorities into integrated budget and financial models, technology-enabled and secure operations, high quality facilities, and aligned investments.

Reporting directly to the President, the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer (SVPFA/CFO) serves a key member of the senior leadership team. The SVPFA/CFO advises the President on matters of fiscal stewardship, administrative innovation and effectiveness, advanced technology, and long-range capital and space planning, while providing leadership for a broad portfolio that includes finance, budgeting, accounting, treasury, investments, procurement, human resources, information technology, and facilities. The SVPFA/CFO also helps steward the administrative and financial dimensions of SLU's important partnership with SSM Health. Within that relationship, SSM owns and operates the clinical enterprise on SLU's South Campus while SLU leads the health sciences teaching and research mission.

The SVPFA/CFO works in especially close partnership with the Executive Vice President and Provost (EVPP) to develop the University's budget and align financial planning with institutional priorities. Together, the EVPP and SVPFA/CFO help ensure that academic and administrative decision-making are joined in a

coherent, transparent, and sustainable approach to resource allocation. In this way, the SVPFA/CFO plays a central role in advancing SLU's mission across teaching, research, and health care through sound financial strategy and disciplined and effective operational leadership.

Founded in 1818 as the first university west of the Mississippi River and entrusted to the Society of Jesus in 1829, SLU today enrolls more than 13,300 students who are taught by more than 2,900 faculty across campuses in St. Louis and Madrid, Spain. The University combines a rigorous liberal arts core with graduate and professional schools—including medicine, nursing, law, and business—supported by innovative research programs and more than \$60 million annually in sponsored research. SLU attracts students from 93 countries, with international enrollment exceeding 1,850. Its NCAA Division I athletics program adds vibrancy to campus life and the St. Louis community while fueling alumni engagement and enhancing its national reputation. The University's annual operating budget is more than \$600 million, its endowment exceeds \$2 billion, and its credit ratings are A1 (Moody's Investors Service) and AA- (S&P Global).

SLU is guided by Catholic and Jesuit values while welcoming people of all faiths and traditions. Its aspiration is not to follow conventional models, but to be a distinctively Jesuit research university uniquely suited to educate graduates who are well-prepared to take ethical, public-spirited and effective action in a rapidly changing world. SLU is striving to elevate educational excellence while advancing research distinction and it welcomes faculty who thrive in both domains. The SVPFA/CFO will work closely with the President, the EVPP, and other senior leaders to design and implement strategies, systems, and practices that best drive innovation, academic quality and impact, and administrative agility and efficiency, positioning SLU for success in a highly competitive higher education landscape.

The successful candidate will be a strategic, entrepreneurial thinker and trusted partner, with a demonstrated capacity to catalyze and implement organizational innovation. They will be a financial and operational leader who can navigate complexity, understand and articulate the drivers of success in the academic enterprise, build partnerships across the University, and proactively lead through change with integrity, humility, and a collaborative spirit. This individual will bring the ability to convene across boundaries, galvanize teams toward shared purpose, respect academic shared governance, and translate aspiration into measurable progress.

SLU has engaged the executive search firm Isaacson, Miller to assist in the recruitment of the Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and CFO. All inquiries, applications, and nominations, which will remain confidential, should be directed to the search firm as indicated at the end of this document.

ROLE AND PORTFOLIO

The SVPFA/CFO guides the effective and innovative allocation of financial, human, technological, and physical resources to advance SLU's mission as a student-centered Jesuit research university. The role leads a financial and administrative enterprise of more than 370 employees across financial planning and analysis, budgeting, accounting, treasury, investments, procurement, facilities and space planning, human

resources, and information technology. With broad delegated authority, the SVPFA/CFO coordinates senior leaders to continuously improve, evolve and strengthen the University's operations and resources, and to take appropriate and optimum advantage of emerging technologies (e.g., artificial intelligence), systems, and practices to advance its mission.

The SVPFA/CFO partners closely with the EVPP to support decision-making by deans and other senior leaders and to align academic strategy, enrollment planning, research prioritization, and cultivation of philanthropy with long-term financial sustainability. Together, the EVPP and SVPFA/CFO connect academic and administrative leaders to ensure that academic program development, hiring, research advancement and administration, student success initiatives, athletics, fundraising and alumni engagement, and facilities planning are grounded in strategic and sustainable financial frameworks.

Key elements of the role include cross-division coordination; creative, values-based team leadership; operational collaboration; and performance management and accountability on behalf of the President. Guided by principles of transparency, accountability, and shared governance, the SVPFA/CFO regularly presents to the SLU Board of Trustees and serves as a principal staff member supporting three board committees: Business and Administration; Audit, Legal and Compliance; and Investment.

The SVPFA/CFO's portfolio comprises four divisions—Business and Finance, Human Resources, Information Technology Services, and Facilities Services—as well as oversight of the work of the St. Louis Midtown Redevelopment Corporation. The latter is a key vehicle to advance SLU's goals in campus-adjacent public engagement, neighborhood revitalization, and community development.

Division of Business and Finance

SLU's [Division of Business and Finance](#) is responsible for the financial stewardship of the University and provides centralized financial and administrative services that support academic, research, and operational units. The Division is comprised of 52 professional staff. The Division manages services in accounting and financial reporting, accounts payable, purchasing, travel and expense processing, budget administration, grant and sponsored program accounting, and cash and investment management. In addition to these core functions, Business and Finance partners closely with institutional leadership through long-range financial planning and forecasting, resource allocation, regulatory and policy compliance, financial systems governance, and consultative support to schools and administrative units.

Division of Human Resources

SLU's [Division of Human Resources](#) serves as the central administrative unit responsible for supporting and managing the University's workforce through a combination of operational human resources services and strategic talent initiatives. Led by a Vice President of Human Resources, the division is comprised of 31 professional staff who support core functional areas including talent consulting, recruitment, payroll, HR operations, benefits, compensation, HR information systems (HRIS), and learning and development.

The Division delivers services such as recruitment and onboarding, payroll processing, benefits administration, compensation management, HR systems support, and employee relations. In addition to

these core functions, Human Resources partners strategically with academic and administrative leadership on talent management, organizational and workforce planning, leadership development, culture and engagement initiatives, and policy development.

Division of Information Technology Services

The [Division of Information Technology Services](#) (ITS) is the University's central technology organization responsible for delivering enterprise IT infrastructure, systems, and support for academic, research, clinical, and administrative operations. It is led by a Vice President and Chief Information Officer and is comprised of 70 professional staff across functional areas including infrastructure operations, enterprise applications, research technology, information security and compliance, customer support, and technology project management.

ITS delivers core services such as end-user and help desk support, classroom and instructional technology, network and wireless services, enterprise systems administration, cybersecurity, hardware and software support, and data management. The Division partners with University leadership on digital transformation, data governance, strategic technology planning, research computing, IT governance, and innovation initiatives that enhance teaching, learning, research, and institutional effectiveness

Division of Facilities Services

The [Division of Facilities Services](#) is led by a Vice President for Facilities and is responsible for the planning, construction, maintenance, and operation of the University's physical campus in St. Louis, encompassing approximately 130 buildings across 270 acres. The Division employs more than 195 staff and operates with an annual budget of approximately \$45 million.

Facilities Services delivers building maintenance, custodial and grounds services, construction and renovation management, mail and distribution services, transportation, real estate management, and facilities work order operations. The Division supports institutional priorities through campus master planning, capital project delivery, sustainability initiatives, space and real estate strategy, stewardship of physical resources, and long-term infrastructure planning.

St. Louis Midtown Redevelopment Corporation

In partnership with SSM Health, the University serves as the master developer for approximately 400 acres in Midtown St. Louis. Together, the organizations formed the [St. Louis Midtown Redevelopment Corporation](#) (MRC), which works to attract investment to the area, as well as oversees all construction and rehabilitation projects to ensure they align with a Redevelopment Plan approved by the City's Board of Aldermen. This effort has led to the renaissance of SLU's St. Louis neighborhood, which is home to more than \$1.2 billion in new housing, retail and business development. SLU serves as MRC's anchor institution and strategic sponsor, setting vision, contributing land, and aligning projects with mutual University and community goals.

KEY OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

SLU's next SVPFA/CFO will prioritize addressing the following opportunities and challenges:

Drive Transformational and Strategic Organizational Change

SLU's SVPFA/CFO will be a key member of a senior leadership team seeking to drive transformational organizational change—leveraging technology to simplify processes, increase agility and efficiency, and reduce costs; reducing bureaucracy; better aligning strategy with execution; integrating operations across the institution; and embedding a culture of data-informed decision-making and transparent, shared accountability. By leading efforts to strengthen systems, processes, and service models, the SVPFA/CFO will help SLU expand access to reliable data, streamline operations, and improve performance across the institution. Broadly, SLU is seeking to adopt modern, technology-enabled systems and practices that are agile, efficient, and secure, allowing it to minimize resources devoted to administration and maximize investment in teaching and research.

Enable Resource Allocation in Support of SLU's Strategic Plan

The SVPFA/CFO will partner with EVPP and academic leadership to align resources with the University's strategic plan. Through disciplined stewardship and collaborative leadership, the SVPFA/CFO will guide efforts to translate priorities into sustainable investments in teaching excellence, student success, research growth, and community impact. SLU's SVP/CFO will have an outstanding opportunity to shape the vision and future of research at the University, foster new partnerships, and expand the University's impact.

Develop Budget and Planning as a Strategic Function

The SVPFA/CFO will work closely with the EVPP on annual budget development and long-range financial planning. Together, they will develop transparent allocation methodologies; strengthen deans' and academic leaders' ability to align strategy with resources; improve financial literacy across the academic enterprise; and build integrated, multi-year financial frameworks that connect enrollment, research, philanthropy, and capital investment. By clarifying the financial implications of strategic choices and strengthening scenario modeling, the SVPFA/CFO will enable timely decisions and long-term institutional resilience.

Advance the University's Technology and AI Strategy in Support of Mission

The Senior Vice President will play a central role in helping the University harness advanced information technologies and artificial intelligence to reimagine how it educates students, supports faculty, and advances research. In partnership with leaders across the institution, this executive will help position the University to adopt and implement emerging technologies in ways that expand innovation, strengthen academic and research excellence, and enhance institutional agility. This leader will also ensure that technological progress is matched by disciplined attention to cybersecurity, resilience, and responsible stewardship in an era of rising digital risk.

Foster Collaboration and Accountability

SLU is deeply relationship-based and grounded in shared governance. The SVPFA/CFO must be a visible, accessible leader who builds trust across administrative and academic teams, promotes shared problem-solving, communicates complex financial information clearly, and sets and enforces clear performance expectations. The SVPFA/CFO will champion an inclusive, mission-centered culture of service, accountability, and collaboration.

QUALIFICATIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS

The successful candidate for SLU's SVPFA/CFO will bring many of the following professional experiences, credentials, and personal qualities, which reflect both the minimum requirements for the role and the preferred experiences that will enhance success at Saint Louis University:

- **Education and Professional Preparation:** A master's degree in business administration, finance, public administration, or a related field is required. Professional credentials such as a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) or another relevant certification are preferred.
- **Mission Alignment and Values-Based Leadership:** A demonstrated ability to fully embrace, articulate, and advance SLU's Catholic, Jesuit mission and values, and to lead as the University's chief administrative and financial officer in a manner grounded in integrity, service, and shared governance.
- **Senior Financial and Administrative Leadership Experience:** A record of successful senior leadership in finance and administration, including responsibility for large and complex budget development, capital planning, multi-year financial strategy, and oversight of the adoption and optimization of advanced technologies. Experience within higher education or a comparably complex organization is strongly preferred, as is experience implementing AI and other new technologies.
- **Strategic and Operational Acumen:** Proven success aligning financial, physical, technological, and human resources with institutional priorities; guiding organization through complexity; driving effective operational and financial performance; and maintaining cybersecurity. Experience in tuition-dependent and endowment-supported financial models is highly desirable.
- **Research University Experience:** Experience within a public or private R1 or R2 research university environment is preferred, including oversight of sponsored research finance (NIH, NSF, DoD, and foundation funding), familiarity with federal compliance requirements, and the financial infrastructure supporting a growing research enterprise.
- **Collaborative and Cross-Functional Leadership:** Demonstrated ability to oversee or partner closely with functions such as Human Resources and Information Technology, and an understanding of shared governance in higher education, with experience collaborating with faculty senates, assemblies, and academic councils, and a commitment to engaging a diversity of stakeholders in budgeting and financial planning.

- **Transformative and Inclusive Leadership:** Experience leading organizational change, modernizing systems and processes, and building high-performing, diverse teams. A leadership style characterized by collaboration, transparency, accountability, and the ability to cultivate trust across stakeholders.
- **Personal Qualities:** Integrity, humility, emotional intelligence, resilience, and sound judgment, coupled with the capacity to inspire confidence, think entrepreneurially, communicate clearly, pivot nimbly and strategically, and lead with steadiness and purpose during periods of change.

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In St. Louis, the University serves approximately 8,101 undergraduates and 5,206 graduate and professional students across 12 colleges and schools and a campus in Madrid, Spain:

- [College of Arts and Sciences](#) (founded 1818)
- [School of Medicine](#) (1836)
- [School of Law](#) (1843)
- [College of Philosophy and Letters](#) (1889)
- [Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business](#) (1910)
- [School of Science and Engineering](#) (1927)
- [Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing](#) (1928)
- [School of Social Work](#) (1930)
- [Doisy College of Health Sciences](#) (1979)
- [College for Public Health and Social Justice](#) (1991)
- [School for Professional Studies](#) (1996)
- [School of Education](#) (1998)

In Madrid, the University serves over 750 students seeking to complete their Saint Louis University degree in Spain, and hosts an average of 650 more students each semester, from SLU and other U.S. colleges and

universities like Northeastern University, Vanderbilt University, University of Michigan, Marquette University, Gonzaga University, and the University of South Florida, among others.

SLU is committed to providing every student with an education that helps them to shape their whole selves and prepares them for a fulfilling career and meaningful life. In alignment with its Catholic, Jesuit mission, the University prioritizes belonging, respects the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, and embraces diversity of background and viewpoint.

People from every religious identity, practice, and tradition are welcome at Saint Louis University. Guided by the Catholic Church and the Society of Jesus, SLU encourages students, faculty and staff to explore their faith and deepen their understanding of its role in their lives through thoughtful reflection, prayerful discernment and an active engagement with the community for the betterment of all.

Mission

The mission of Saint Louis University is the pursuit of truth for the greater glory of God and for the service of humanity.

The University seeks excellence in the fulfillment of its corporate purposes of teaching, research, health care, and service to the community. It is dedicated to leadership in the continuing quest for understanding of God's creation and for the discovery, dissemination and integration of the values, knowledge and skills required to transform society in the spirit of the Gospels.

This pursuit is motivated by the inspiration and values of the Judeo-Christian tradition and is guided by the spiritual and intellectual ideals of the Society of Jesus. In support of its mission, the University:

- Encourages and supports innovative scholarship and effective teaching in all fields of the arts; the humanities; the natural, health and medical sciences; the social sciences; the law; business; aviation; and technology.
- Creates an academic environment that values and promotes free, active and original intellectual inquiry among its faculty and students.
- Wisely allocates its resources to maintain efficiency and effectiveness in attaining its mission and goals.
- Fosters programs that link University resources to local, national and international communities in collaborative efforts to alleviate ignorance, poverty, injustice and hunger; extend compassionate care to the ill and needy; and maintain and improve the quality of life for all persons.
- Strives continuously to seek means to build upon its Catholic, Jesuit identity and to promote activities that apply its intellectual and ethical heritage to work for the good of society.
- Welcomes students, faculty and staff from all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds and beliefs and creates a sense of community that facilitates their development as men and women for others.

- Nurtures within its community an understanding of and commitment to the promotion of faith and justice in the spirit of the Gospels.

Strategic Planning

In November 2025, the University launched a strategic planning effort: [Future in Focus: Planning for 2026-2030](#). The planning process is focused on analyzing challenges and opportunities and clearly prioritizing high impact actions that will move the University forward in the current landscape. The SVPFA/CFO will play a critical role in implementing the new strategic plan, alongside the EVPP and other senior leaders.

University Governance and Leadership

Dr. Edward Feser, President

Dr. Edward Feser became the 34th president of Saint Louis University on July 1, 2025. Rooted in his Roman Catholic faith, formed by his Jesuit education at the University of San Francisco, and shaped by experience in four leading public research universities in the U.S. and U.K., Dr. Feser's leadership journey reflects a steadfast belief in the power of education to transform lives and strengthen communities.

A noted scholar of city and regional economic growth and development, Dr. Feser most recently served as Provost and Executive Vice President at Oregon State University, where he championed initiatives that expanded student access and success, elevated research impact, advanced fundraising and resource stewardship, and forged innovative community partnerships. During his tenure, he helped lead bold projects such as the \$213 million Lori and Jen-Sun Huang Collaborative Innovation Complex, designed to accelerate interdisciplinary research powered by artificial intelligence and advanced computing, and the development of PRAx—the Patricia Valian Reser Center for the Performing Arts—guided by a vision to build national distinction for OSU at the intersection of arts, humanities, science and engineering.

As SLU's president, Dr. Feser is committed to prioritizing the success of every student, building the University's growing research enterprise with focus and ambition, enhancing operational agility and effectiveness, collaborating with civic and industry partners to foster a thriving city and region for all, and fostering a unique Jesuit vision for SLU that prepares students for lives of leadership, meaning and impact. His leadership is animated by the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*, a dedication to inclusive excellence, and a conviction that universities must serve as catalysts for hope and progress.

Throughout his career, Dr. Feser has sought to elevate all facets of a university's mission—advancing research, educating students, expanding access, and serving local communities. His community-focused efforts have included contributing to the launch of a downtown hub for OSU in Portland, Oregon and a campus-based innovation district in Bend, Oregon, and serving on numerous boards and commissions in North Carolina, Illinois, Oregon, and now Missouri addressing economic development, workforce strategies, and public policy challenges.

The son of a National Park ranger, Dr. Feser grew up in the Pacific Northwest and attended a Catholic high school in Red Bluff, California. His wife of 34 years, Kathy, is a civil engineer turned educator who has led sustainability initiatives for Oregon schools. They have two adult children, Jack and Mary.

Dr. Feser earned his Ph.D. and M.R.P from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and his B.A from the University of San Francisco.

Board of Trustees

In 1967, Saint Louis University became the first major Catholic university in the United States to grant combined legal responsibility for institutional policy to lay and clergy trustees—a milestone that continues to shape a modern, mission-anchored governance model. SLU’s Board of Trustees, led by Chair Eric Engler and Vice Chair Marian V. “Bo” Mehan, is the principal governing authority, charged with fiduciary responsibility and with preserving and enhancing SLU’s Jesuit mission. The president serves as an ex officio voting member of the Board.

The Board is composed of qualified, dedicated, and highly engaged individuals—many SLU alumni and members of the Society of Jesus—who understand the complexities of higher education and the University’s strategic imperatives. There are currently 32 trustees.

Faculty Senate

The Faculty Senate is the principal organization and voice of the faculty in matters of University-wide concern, and the primary means by which faculty participate in the governance of the University as a whole. It comprises 60+ members, elected proportionately from the faculties of SLU’s colleges and schools. In addition, all schools, colleges, and the University Libraries maintain representative bodies—faculty councils and assemblies—that deepen shared governance and engagement.

Location

St. Louis is a city of heritage and possibility—a community where culture, science, entrepreneurship, and public service intersect. The region combines world class institutions—the Saint Louis Art Museum, the Missouri Botanical Garden, and the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra—with accessible neighborhoods, expansive parks, and major league sports (Cardinals, Blues) to offer an exceptional quality of life. As an emerging geospatial capital and a health innovation hub, St. Louis provides SLU scholars and students with unparalleled opportunities for internships, clinical practice, civic engagement, and translational research. Set along the Mississippi River and symbolized by the Gateway Arch, the city brings Midwestern warmth and cosmopolitan energy—an ideal setting for a mission driven research university.

APPLICATIONS, INQUIRIES, AND NOMINATIONS

Screening of complete applications will begin immediately and continue until the completion of the search process. Inquiries, nominations, referrals, and CVs with cover letters should be sent via the Isaacson, Miller website using the following link: <https://www.imsearch.com/open-searches/saint-louis-university/vpfa-chief-financial-officer>.

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Saint Louis University is committed to equal opportunity, diversity, and inclusion. The University welcomes candidates from all backgrounds who are inspired by its Catholic, Jesuit mission and values and who will help advance SLU's commitment to belonging, excellence, and service.

This document has been prepared based on the information provided by Saint Louis University. The material presented in this leadership profile should be relied on for informational purposes only. While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this information, the original source documents and information provided by Saint Louis University would supersede any conflicting information in this document.

Appendix

FACULTY, RESEARCH, AND TEACHING

At Saint Louis University, students receive personalized attention from expert faculty who are world-renowned for their work in vaccine development, geospatial science, the humanities, health law, biomedical science, entrepreneurship, education, engineering, public health and many other fields. SLU faculty carry out the university's Jesuit mission by inspiring students, researching in their fields and engaging with the community through service and leadership. They are deeply committed to teaching and student success and make themselves accessible to students in and out of the classroom. Nearly 40 percent of SLU's undergraduate courses have fewer than 20 students.

Academic Strengths

Saint Louis University boasts a robust portfolio of academic programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels, with many programs earning national and international recognition. Examples include:

- Health Law Program in the School of Law is consistently ranked #1 in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*.
- Undergraduate and graduate programs in International Business and Entrepreneurship have regularly been ranked in the top 15 nationally in *U.S. News*.
- Graduate programs in History, Philosophy, and other areas of the humanities are highly-regarded and attract outstanding students nationally and internationally.
- SLU's Undergraduate Core Curriculum has earned national recognition for its fidelity to the Jesuit educational charism.
- Interprofessional health sciences education is a hallmark of SLU's extensive portfolio of health-related undergraduate academic programs
- The First Studies Program for Jesuit formation is one of only two such programs nationally.
- The Madrid Campus is a comprehensive campus featuring full SLU academic programs and degrees at the undergraduate and graduate level.

SLU's academic programs increasingly and intentionally feature multiple experiential learning opportunities—many facilitated via growing partnerships with local, regional, and national employers. SLU's academic programs emphasize professional practice informed by ethical decision-making.

International

The University's goals in internationalization include expanding SLU's brand awareness internationally, increasing and diversifying international student enrollment on the St. Louis and Madrid, Spain Campuses, and leveraging the strengths of the Madrid Campus for growth in both Spain and the U.S. The University

saw impressive growth in international graduate enrollment from Fall 2021 to Fall 2023; however, like other US institutions, outside factors greatly impacted fall enrollment in 2024 and 2025, with SLU experiencing a sharp decline in international enrollment. Enrollment of both degree-seeking students and study abroad students (from SLU's St. Louis Campus and numerous partner institutions across the U.S.) continues to grow at the Madrid Campus. The University also continues to research how the Madrid Campus can be a partner institution for international graduate students.

Research

Saint Louis University (SLU) achieved Carnegie R1 status in 2025, placing it among the nation's most productive research institutions and signaling a dynamic environment for executive leadership to further elevate its research enterprise. SLU's research spans diverse fields, including groundbreaking work in the medical sciences, public health, humanities, engineering, and geospatial science and technology. The latter positions the university as a leader in transforming St. Louis into a global hub for geospatial excellence through partners like the Taylor Geospatial Institute and given the presence of the newly opened St. Louis campus of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. The university's commitment to interdisciplinary collaboration and community engagement is reflected in its innovative projects, such as geospatial sensors for waste management and spatial humanities initiatives that bridge science, ethics and culture.

SLU's research momentum has been fueled by productive faculty and transformative philanthropy, most notably a \$50 million gift from Dr. Jeanne and Rex Sinquefield, which established the SLU Research Institute and expanded research capacity. Guided by its Jesuit mission, SLU leverages these resources to advance knowledge, foster community engagement, and prepare future leaders focused on service to others and the greater good.

Undergraduate Core Curriculum

Launched in 2022, the Saint Louis University Core is an integrated intellectual experience completed by all baccalaureate students, regardless of major, program, college, school or campus. It prepares all SLU undergraduates to be intellectually flexible, creative and reflective critical thinkers in the spirit of the Catholic, Jesuit tradition.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Saint Louis University's commitment to educating and caring for the whole person encompasses not only the education it provides but also the experience it offers every student.

The SLU student experience is comprehensive, community-centered and unique. It features a wide range of opportunities and activities and a high level of support for students throughout their time at the university.

Student Organizations and Activities

At SLU, campus organizations allow students to connect through shared interests and aspirations, helping foster a sense of community, encouraging learning and empowering student leaders. The University has over 200 student organizations, including service groups, art clubs, sports clubs, the SLUnatics spirit squad, and more than 20 Greek letter organizations.

Campus Life

Campus life at SLU is busy in the best way—a full, thriving approach to ensuring all students have everything they need to feel at home. SLU’s undergraduate students are required to live on campus for their first two years of study, but many upperclassmen choose to live on campus as well, making the most of apartment-style living and convenient campus access. Inspired by the Jesuit call to support the whole person in mind, body and spirit, SLU offers all students access to its 120,000-square-foot Simon Recreation Center, where they can work out, swim, play sports and take fitness classes. Students can also access mental health services, Campus Ministry resources, academic support and more.

SLU’s campus serves as a hub for year-round campus events, from Billiken athletics to popular wellness events, the globally focused Atlas Week, lectures, concerts and more.

Community Involvement

Community engagement is essential to the SLU student experience, and the city of St. Louis provides an invaluable source of enrichment and opportunity—a thriving community where students can learn, grow and connect through internships, cultural experiences and service.

At present, SLU has more than 500 sites for volunteer opportunities and service learning, and 80% of SLU students volunteer each year. In 2023, more than 40,000 meals were prepared and delivered to those in need by nearly 3,000 volunteers through SLU’s Campus Kitchen.

ATHLETICS

An NCAA Division I institution, Saint Louis University is a member of the Atlantic 10 Conference and competes in 18 sports, including baseball, basketball, cross country, field hockey, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. Recent successes include the men’s basketball team sharing the A-10 conference regular season championship and reaching the second round in the NCAA tournament, the men’s soccer team’s 2025 A-10 conference championship and semifinal appearance in the College Cup, six consecutive A-10 conference championships for the women’s soccer team through the 2024 season, the 2024 WNIT Championship for the women’s basketball team, and 38 team conference championships in various sports since 2003. SLU’s more than 400 student-athletes boast an average GPA of 3.44, and 271 Billikens were named to the A-10 Commissioner’s Honor Roll in 2023.

FUNDRAISING AND CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Saint Louis University completed its most recent fundraising campaign, [Accelerating Excellence](#), raising \$604 million, exceeding its \$500 million goal by 20 percent. The campaign generated 190,402 gifts, including 98 gifts of \$1 million or more. It also bolstered existing scholarships, created 416 new student scholarships/awards, and funded 36 endowed academic positions. During the campaign, SLU had four record-breaking fundraising years, including \$139 million raised in fiscal year 2022 alone.

CAMPUSES

Midtown St. Louis, North Campus

The 161-acre campus in the heart of St. Louis' midtown neighborhood features abundant green spaces, fountains and gathering areas and is frequently referred to as an "urban oasis." It is home to the academic programs for more than 9,100 undergraduate, graduate and professional students attending the College of Arts and Sciences, College of Philosophy and Letters, Richard A. Chaifetz School of Business, School of Science and Engineering, School of Social Work, School for Professional Studies, and School of Education. Spanning four city blocks and situated near the city's arts and entertainment district, the University moved to this site in 1888 after being in downtown St. Louis for its first 70 years.

Midtown St. Louis, South Campus

The 100-acre South Campus is SLU's health sciences center and includes the state-of-the-art Doisy Research Center. Located just one mile south of SLU's North Campus, the campus is the academic home to more than 4,400 undergraduate, graduate and professional students attending the School of Medicine, Trudy Busch Valentine School of Nursing, Doisy College of Health Sciences, and Center for Advanced Dental Education. It is adjacent to SSM Health Saint Louis University Hospital, SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital and the Center for Specialized Medicine, where many SLU students perform clinical rotations and members of the medical school faculty see patients.

Downtown St. Louis

SLU's School of Law, which enrolls 564 students, is in Scott Hall in downtown St. Louis, near court buildings, top law firms and government offices. The 12-story building also houses SLU's law library and legal clinics.

Madrid

Over 1,400 students study at Saint Louis University-Madrid, a comprehensive degree-granting and study-abroad campus in Spain that was established in 1967. SLU-Madrid offers 23 undergraduate degrees and two graduate degrees, along with courses that satisfy the requirements for many other SLU degree programs. More than 500 SLU students from the St. Louis campus spend a semester at SLU-Madrid each

year. The campus is also an approved study-abroad site for several U.S. colleges and universities. The campus is located near the “Ciudad Universitaria” area of Madrid and currently occupies almost 90,000 square feet of space across multiple buildings.