



Abigail (Abbie) Fisher

Abbie Fisher, born April 29th 2003, in Spanish Fork, Utah, is a social equity researcher and senior at Utah Valley University (UVU), pursuing her undergraduate degree in Psychology. Her academic and professional paths reflect a strong commitment to systems thinking, interdisciplinary research, and impact assessment—interests driven by her experiences with poverty and housing insecurity throughout her teenage and young adulthood. These experiences led her to Utah Valley University (UVU) in 2023, where she has since been deeply engaged in campus leadership and research related to social impact. Her early scholarship earned her recognition as the 2023 Oxford Map the System Research Competition winner at UVU, where she studied gentrification in Salt Lake County; later presenting an expanded lens of her research on global patterns of gentrification, reurbanization, and poverty infrastructure at high-level conferences and events such as the annual Systems Summit in Banff, Canada. Abbie previously has served as a Strategy and Design Fellow for the Center for Social Impact, where she developed organizational models for sustainable partner engagement and designed impact assessment tools in collaboration with TSOS, a refugee-oriented nonprofit. She has also served as a research assistant for the Women in Business Impact Lab, assessing market-based impacts and systemic biases affecting women in the workforce, and as a Presidential Intern to UVU President Astrid Tuminez, where she conducted research and developed programmatic proposals that supported small-scale interventions to strengthen prison education program integration and alignment at the university. She currently works as a programmatic data strategist, designing measurement tools to assess durable skills in higher education and serves as Vice President of Academics at UVU, representing the student body in academic policy discussions and stewarding student voice research to inform institutional decision-making. She has recently received a \$5,000 national grant to design, model, and pilot student voice frameworks in public institutions in the United States. Her research-based advocacy for underrepresented community members and interest in civic engagement, community service, and social policy design led her to join the Utah International Mountain Forum (UIMF) in 2025. In the future she aspires to work across public and private sectors to design equitable, sustainable policies, programs, and measurement frameworks that ensure the most vulnerable of our communities are intentionally represented, advocated for, and cared for.