ASU is a comprehensive **public research university**, measured not by whom it excludes, but by **whom it includes** and how they **succeed**; advancing **research and discovery** of public value; and assuming **fundamental responsibility** for the economic, social, cultural and overall health of the **communities** it serves.

ASU researchers are helping us to understand our world and our universe, from the origins of humankind to the surface of Mars. Their work creates new knowledge, provides opportunities for students to gain hands-on experience, and offers solutions to local and global challenges.
"All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered. The point is to discover them."

– Galileo

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