The University of Idaho Coeur d’Alene shapes the future of North Idaho by bringing university resources into our local communities. The center engages university expertise to transform education, develop innovative research and cultivate a knowledge-based economy.

Students can reach higher education excellence in Coeur d’Alene through live and online bachelor’s and graduate programs. Seven U of I colleges are represented by more than 20 local faculty, and video communication allows classroom collaboration statewide. Professional development and certificate programs bring continuing education opportunities to leaders in both the public and private sector.

Coeur d’Alene is the proud host site for the U of I Executive Master of Business Administration program. With a new cohort starting every other year, the class schedule allows students to earn their MBA in 20 months without interrupting careers. The program combines the rigor and depth of a traditional MBA with the integrated curriculum and flexible format of an executive program.

Technological innovation is carving a prominent place in the future of North Idaho. The University of Idaho Coeur d’Alene elevates this emerging sector with tech opportunities for all. Nearly 1,000 middle and high school students have attended a Dig’nIT tech camp since the program’s inception in 2013. In the heart of downtown, a growing robotics laboratory is home to the latest U of I Computer Science degree program. This department piloted Co-op Education in 2018, allowing students to spend six to 12 months during their junior and senior years working full time for near-market pay in the regional tech industry. For learners of all ages, the center spearheads Inspire Idaho, which provides free app development training statewide.

Building a pipeline of engaged early learners is a key tenet of the U of I Coeur d’Alene mission. In partnership with local schools, industry partners and foundations, the university supports childhood literacy through Opening Books, Opening Doors. Local Confucius Institute instructors deliver Chinese language and culture classes across Kootenai County. As a founding partner of community makerspace Gizmo-CDA, U of I grows opportunities for innovation through the Emerging Media Arts Lab.

Surrounded by lakes, rivers and mountains, U of I Coeur d’Alene is uniquely positioned to build programming connected to the rich natural environment. Through the Confluence Project, the U of I Community Water Resource Center and regional partners give hundreds of high school students hands-on water science experience from the shores of Lake Coeur d’Alene to the slopes of Lookout Pass. The Lake Social Ecological Systems Lab and the Idaho Water Resources Research Institute conduct research on the health of our vast water systems.

U of I Coeur d’Alene strategically plans for the future of the Lake City as an active participant with the North Idaho Higher Education consortium, CDA 2030, chambers of commerce and economic development corporations. The DeArmond Higher Education Center will open in the summer of 2019, bringing state-of-the-art student services from five higher education institutions under one roof. In Post Falls, the Jacklin Science and Technology Center supports startup companies. In the near future, U of I plans to bring a Tech and Innovation Center to Coeur d’Alene where additional degree programs and entrepreneurship will flourish.

Through its degree programs, technology and research centers, and collaborative philosophy, U of I Coeur d’Alene provides outreach and opportunity for all people of North Idaho.