Welcome to the Office of the University Economist

The Office of the University Economist was created by Arizona State University President Michael M. Crow in 2005. The office has two primary functions: 1) to administer the Productivity and Prosperity Project, and 2) to respond to strategic and tactical needs of the Office of the President and the university as a whole related to economic development and the university's role as an economic driver. Reports associated with the second function are divided into three sections: public finance, Arizona universities, and Arizona demographics.

The work of the Productivity and Prosperity Project is divided into four components:

1. Education and Other Human Capital.
2. Competitiveness and Economic Development.
3. Knowledge Economy.
4. Job Quality and Income.

A special aspect of the work addresses the contribution of universities to regional economies as part of President Crow's leadership of the Commission on Innovation, Competitiveness and Economic Prosperity (CICEP), a part of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. Since 2013, the Office of the University Economist has contributed to another initiative, the United States-México Policy Analysis Tool (USMexPAT). A website has been dedicated to this project.