

Smith Sherrell
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Smith Sherrell

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE INC [UTI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 16220 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD,
 SUITE 100
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/05/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Admissions and Operations

SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	12/05/2017		A	36,983 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 184,139	D
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value						19,661	I By spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Units	(2)	12/05/2017		A	27,737	(2) 12/05/2020	Common Stock	27,737
Performance Cash	(3)	12/05/2017		A	\$ 93,750	(3) 12/05/2020	Cash (3)	\$ 93,750

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Sherrell 16220 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD, SUITE 100 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254			EVP, Admissions and Operations	

Signatures

/s/ Chad A. Freed, as
attorney-in-fact

12/07/2017

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) The Board of Directors approved the grant on December 5, 2017. The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments.

Each performance unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's common stock, 50% of which vest based on the 2-year compound annual total shareholder return ("TSR") and 50% of which vest based on the 3-year compound annual TSR. For purposes of determining the TSR, the change in the price of the Company's common stock is based upon the 30-trading day average closing stock price (i) immediately preceding the grant date at the beginning of the performance period, and (ii) immediately preceding the second or third anniversary, as applicable, of the grant date at the end of the performance period. The number represents the maximum number of shares that may be delivered pursuant to the award, which is 150% of the target number of shares.

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Represents a contingent right to receive cash, 50% of which vest based on the 2-year compound annual TSR and 50% of which vest based on the 3-year compound annual TSR. For purposes of determining the TSR, the change in the price of the Company's common stock is based upon the 30-trading day average closing stock price (i) immediately preceding the grant date at the beginning of the performance period, and (ii) immediately preceding the second or third anniversary, as applicable, of the grant date at the end of the performance period. The amount represents the maximum amount of cash that may be delivered pursuant to the award, which is 150% of the target amount of cash.

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