

Peterson Bryce H
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
^ Peterson Bryce H		(Month/Day/Year)	UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE INC [UTI]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
			(Check all applicable)	
16220 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD,^ STE. 100			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
(Street)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
SCOTTSDALE,^ AZ^ 85254			(give title below)	(specify below)
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	VP Information Technology	
			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person	
			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value	15,754 ⁽¹⁾	D	^

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

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Amount or Number of Shares	or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)
Performance Shares	11/15/2013	11/15/2013	Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value 600 ⁽²⁾ \$ 0	D

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Peterson Bryce H 16220 N. SCOTTSDALE ROAD STE. 100 SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85254			VP Information Technology	

Signatures

/s/ Bryce H.
Peterson

12/21/2011

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) All the shares listed were awarded in connection with a Restricted Stock Award Plan and have not yet met the vesting requirements. Each Performance Share represents a contingent right to receive one share of Universal Technical Institute, Inc. common stock. The Performance Shares vest upon achievement of certain performance criteria based on total shareholder return, with a measurement period
- (2) starting October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2013. Performance Shares will vest no later than November 15, 2013. The actual number of shares of common stock issued at the time of vesting can range from 0% to 200% depending on the total shareholder return achieved in the measurement period.

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