About MU

Our mission
Our distinct mission, as Missouri’s only state-supported member of
the Association of American Universities, is to provide all Missourians
the benefits of a world-class education enriched by service and global
interaction. We are stewards and builders of a priceless state resource,
a unique physical infrastructure and scholarly environment in which our
tightly interlocked missions of teaching, research, service and economic
development work together on behalf of all citizens. Students work side
by side with some of the world’s best faculty to advance the arts and
humanities, the sciences and the professions. Scholarship and teaching
are driven by a sense of public service — the obligation to produce and
disseminate knowledge that will improve the quality of life in the state, the
nation and the world.

We are MU — Missouri’s Flagship University
We are a diverse group of students, faculty and staff who value the
excitement and learning that come from interaction among people with
richly different backgrounds and ideas.
We challenge talented undergraduates to stretch their minds and
imaginations with the unique strengths of a major research university.
Our students experience an interwoven web of learning experiences — in
classrooms, in residence hall learning communities, and in collaborative
research and creative, artistic and service projects with faculty.
We develop the world leaders of tomorrow through rigorous graduate and
professional programs across the broadest range of disciplines offered on
a Missouri campus.
We ensure improving the quality of MU through a financial model that
supplements taxpayer support with rational tuition and student aid,
public-private partnerships and aggressive fundraising. Our responsible
fiscal planning assures both excellence and access for all well-prepared
students, regardless of socioeconomic status.
We live and work in a community of scholars. We treasure our core
values of respect, responsibility, discovery and excellence.
As a 21st century land-grant university, we are an economic engine
for Missouri. We generate businesses and jobs by creating and
disseminating the knowledge that fuels the new economy.
We use our unique intellectual resources to improve the civic, economic,
health and educational well-being of Missourians from all walks of life and
all corners of the state. We are committed to improving the quality of life
of students and their families and communities through the creative and
performing arts and the application of new knowledge.