
About MU

Our mission

As the only state-supported member of the Association of American Universities, Mizzou provides Missourians the benefits of a world-class education. MU's unique physical infrastructure and scholarly environment stimulate teaching, research, service and economic development on behalf of all citizens. Students work side by side with some of the world's best faculty to advance arts, humanities, sciences and professions. Scholarship and teaching are driven by a sense of public service and an obligation to produce and disseminate knowledge that improves the quality of life in the state, the nation and the world.

Mizzou, 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 take advantage of various experiences in classrooms, residence hall learning communities, collaborative research opportunities and creative projects with faculty.

We develop the world leaders of tomorrow through rigorous graduate and professional programs across a broad range of disciplines.

We improve 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 intellectual resources to improve the civic, economic 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.