MISSION STATEMENT
CLARK ATLANTA UNIVERSITY

The mission of Clark Atlanta University is to provide the highest quality of education and training for a student body which is predominantly African-American but which is becoming increasingly diversified by students from various other racial, ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. This mission commits the institution to the shaping of graduates who are productive, creative, socially, politically, and economically responsible citizens in a dynamic and technologically global society and who are themselves committed to the search for solutions to the problems of racism, sexism, ageism, economic deprivation, and other forms of oppression. The three functions of the University, teaching, research and service are all to focus strongly on the attainment of a society—national and international—which is responsive to human needs of all of its citizens.

To achieve its mission, the University attracts and maintains a faculty dedicated to that mission and possessing the highest professional standards, significant scholarly achievements, and excellence, creativity, and humaneness in teaching. The University also provides an intellectual and educational environment in which students of high intellectual promise and attainment as well as those who suffer educational and other deprivations may thrive, learn, and develop their highest potentialities for leadership and responsible citizenship, and for the creation of new knowledge. The University has a continuing relationship with the United Methodist Church and places an emphasis on sound ethical and moral principles designed to enhance personal integrity and understanding of others.

In summary, Clark Atlanta University’s mission is to produce graduates who have met standards of excellence in contemporary higher education, who are educated to be creative and to have a perspective on the world and its peoples which commits them not only to excel in their professional careers and personal lives but also to seek for new knowledge and solutions to the pressing problems of humankind