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 other racial, ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. This mission commits the institution to the shaping of graduates who are productive, creative, socially and economically responsible citizens in a dynamic global society and who are themselves committed to the search for solutions to the problems of racism, sexism, age discrimination, 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 -- American, Third World and global -- which is responsive to human needs of all its citizens.

To achieve its mission, the University must attract and maintain a faculty dedicated to that mission, one that possesses the highest professional standards, significant scholarly achievements, and excellence, creativity and humaneness in teaching. The University must also provide an intellectual and education 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. These requirements are supported by the University's emphasis on sound ethical and moral principles designed to enhance personal integrity and compassion for others. The University will maintain the ties to the United Methodist Church which have been a hallmark of Clark College since its inception.

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 new knowledge and solutions to the problems of humankind.