Purpose Statement

In the pursuit of its mission, Clark Atlanta University accepts the mandate of Atlanta University's motto, "I'll find a way or make one," and of the Clark College motto, "Culture for Service." Rooted in its African-American heritage, impacted by present and projected trends destined to shape the future, Clark Atlanta University has as its purposes:

To maintain a repository of knowledge and an environment which fosters maximum intellectual, social, and cultural development of students, faculty, administrators, and staff.

To engage in the exploration of innovative ideas through research and teaching, new programs, and educational experiments both within and across disciplinary lines, so that the University shall be the forward edge of American education and so that its graduates shall be at informed, visionary, culturally sensitive, and socially responsible individuals with an understanding of their heritage and a strong commitment to advancing social justice.

To provide through experimentation, research, and social and cultural analysis new solutions to the physical and social problems of humankind.

To provide excellent education for those students who have proved themselves to be high achievers for those who have the capacity for achieving excellence despite previous adverse circumstances.

To provide an increasingly diverse population with competent teachers at all levels, including the University level, where easily identifiable role models for black students are too few in number.

To promote artistic and creative expression and to emphasize their importance in shaping intellect, values, and culture.

To provide members of the larger community with opportunities for continuing education which are consistent with the overall mission of the University.