



## HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD-OF REGENTS' APPROVED MISSION

Harris-Stowe State University's primary mission, as set forth in Senate Bill 153, is to address the higher education needs of the metropolitan St. Louis region. Toward the fulfillment of this mandate, the University offers a solid General Education curriculum, which serves as the foundation for the University's various baccalaureate programs in three broad professional areas, including baccalaureate degree programs in business, education, and arts and sciences.

In addition, the University is thoroughly committed to meeting to the greatest extent possible the needs of a student population that is diverse in age, culture, ethnicity and experiential backgrounds. In short, Harris-Stowe State University is strongly committed to providing a high-quality higher education experience that is both affordable and accessible to the diverse populations within and beyond the metropolitan St. Louis region. The University seeks to accomplish this overarching goal through an extensive academic support program, a college-preparatory academy for urban youth, supervision of student progress and through many community outreach and collaborative partnerships with businesses, government and educational institutions.

Underlying this commitment to a high-quality education is the University's emphasis on professional growth and personal development that is essential for an educated person entering a professional field.



### PROPOSED CBHE-APPROVED MISSION DESCRIPTION

Harris-Stowe State University, located in St. Louis, Missouri, offers baccalaureate and select master's degrees to address the higher education needs of the metropolitan St. Louis region. Harris-Stowe State University is designated as an open enrollment institution. Harris-Stowe is designated as one of two Historically Black College and Universities (HBCUs) in Missouri and serves African-Americans and other diverse student populations throughout the state.

Harris-Stowe State University serves its constituents by offering baccalaureate and master's degrees in business, education, and the arts and sciences appropriate to a teaching institution with a predominantly urban undergraduate student body. Harris-Stowe State University has particular strengths in mathematics and other STEM fields, and is one of the state's largest producers of African-American graduates in STEM fields, with biological sciences as one of its top ten highest producing programs.

Harris Stowe State University also fulfills its mission by offering services to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, attract talent to the region, and workforce development, in addition to a broad range of academic and cultural activities and events.

Consistent with the provisions of 173.030(8) RSMo, Harris-Stowe State University every five years will provide to the Coordinating Board evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.