

Board of Curators Mission: Our distinct mission, as Missouri's only state supported member of the Association of American Universities, is to provide all Missourians the benefits of a world-class research university. We are stewards and builders of a priceless state resource, a unique physical infrastructure and scholarly environment in which our tightly interlocked missions of teaching, research, service and economic development work together on behalf of all citizens. Students work side by side with some of the world's best faculty to advance the arts and humanities, the sciences and the professions. Scholarship and teaching are daily driven by a commitment to public service — the obligation to produce and disseminate knowledge that will improve the quality of life in the state, the nation and the world.

CBHE-Approved Mission Description (December 2023): The University of Missouri-Columbia is the state's only public comprehensive research university. The University of Missouri-Columbia shoulders most of the responsibility for the university's 1862 land-grant mission. The University of Missouri is the only Missouri public institution of higher education authorized to offer doctor of philosophy degrees or first professional degrees. The University of Missouri- Columbia is designated as a selective institution.

The University of Missouri-Columbia serves the state of Missouri by offering a broad range of baccalaureate, masters, doctoral, and professional programs that include the humanities, physical and social sciences, agriculture, journalism, information sciences, education, engineering, law, public administration, business, and the full array of health professions, including medicine.

The University of Missouri-Columbia further serves the state through basic and applied research, and other services specifically designed to meet the state's economic development needs, as well as continuing professional education, technical and professional services, support of small businesses and entrepreneurs, and technology transfer.

The University of Missouri-Columbia also fulfills its mission by offering services to promote and sustain economic development, small business development, and workforce development, in addition to a broad range of academic and cultural activities and events.

Every five years, the University of Missouri-Columbia will provide to the Coordinating Board, in a manner determined by the Coordinating Board, evidence of fulfilling its CBHE-approved mission.