

University of Tennessee

Mission Statements

The University of Tennessee

The University of Tennessee serves the people of Tennessee and beyond through:

- Providing access to and success in undergraduate, graduate and professional education.
- Pursuing research and scholarly achievement and its associated economic development.
- Ensuring educational outreach and ensuring preparedness for the global marketplace.

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

As the state's flagship comprehensive research institution, UT Knoxville's primary purpose is to move forward the frontiers of human knowledge and enrich and elevate society. The mission of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, is to:

- advance the community of learning by engaging in scientific research, humanistic scholarship, and artistic creation;
- provide a high quality educational experience to undergraduate students in a diverse learning environment – promoting the values and institutions of democracy that prepare students to lead lives of personal integrity and civic responsibility in a global society;
- prepare the next generations of skilled and ethical professionals by providing excellent graduate and professional education that prepares graduates to compete in a diverse world market;
- promote a campus environment that welcomes and honors women and men of all races, creeds, and cultures and an atmosphere that values intellectual curiosity, pursuit of knowledge, and academic freedom and integrity;
- conduct research, teaching, and outreach to improve human and animal medicine and health; contribute to improving the quality of life; increasing agricultural productivity; protecting the environment; promoting the well-being of families; and conserving natural resources;
- offer a wide variety of off-campus educational and training programs, including the use of information technologies, to individual and groups;
- partner with communities to provide educational, technical, and cultural support to increase the livability of those communities; and
- partner with industry and government to improve the quality of the workplace and to serve as an engine for economic and cultural development.

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga is an engaged, metropolitan university committed to excellence in teaching, research, and service, and dedicated to meeting the diverse needs of the region through strategic partnerships and community involvement.

The University of Tennessee at Martin

The primary purpose of the University of Tennessee at Martin is to provide a quality undergraduate education in a traditional collegiate atmosphere characterized at all levels by close collaboration among students, faculty, and staff. In addition, the university is dedicated to meeting lifelong educational needs by providing graduate programs, distance-learning opportunities, and other creative endeavors. Furthermore, the university is committed to advancing the regional and global community through scholarly activities, research and public service.

The University of Tennessee Space Institute

The mission of the University of Tennessee Space Institute (UTSI) is to serve the State of Tennessee and the nation as a resource for the professional development of engineers and scientists through graduate education, interdisciplinary research, and the transfer of technology, particularly as related to the space and aerospace sciences. The Institute is committed both to providing a high quality learning and research experience leading to Master of Science and Doctor of Philosophy degrees in selected areas of engineering and science and to continuing professional education.

The University of Tennessee Health Science Center

The mission of the University of Tennessee Health Science Center is to bring the benefits of the health sciences to the achievement and maintenance of human health, with a focus on the citizens of Tennessee and the region, by pursuing an integrated program of education, research, clinical care, and public service.

The University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture

The UT Institute of Agriculture represents the University of Tennessee's commitment to the land-grant mission, providing teaching, research and outreach through the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, the College of Veterinary Medicine, UT AgResearch and UT Extension, which serves people through its workforce present in each of Tennessee's 95 counties and secondarily the region, nation and world.

The Institute increases agricultural productivity and income, protects the environment, promotes the economic well-being of families, and conserves natural resources for all Tennesseans. We advance the lives and interests of students, farmers, families, livestock, companion animals, 4-H and other youth, agribusiness, state and federal governmental agencies, consumers, and the general public.

The Institute fulfills its mission by:

- Providing the latest curricula and teaching methods appropriate to meet student and societal needs and consistent with the goals of life-long learning, ethics, and leadership.
- Providing comprehensive, high-quality undergraduate, graduate, and veterinary medicine degree programs that qualify graduates to compete for employment at the national and international level.
- Attracting and maintaining a uniquely qualified and nationally recognized teaching and research faculty.
- Maintaining a strong basic and applied research program to support all segments of agriculture and placing additional emphases upon critical issues such as clean water, a safe and plentiful food supply, environmental conservation, sustainable natural resources, renewable energy sources, animal and human health, and animal reproduction programs.
- Providing the resources to maintain and enhance the specialized teaching, primary research, and clinical opportunities of the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Providing outstanding educational programs and outreach in Tennessee's 95 counties to serve a productive and sustainable agricultural industry and to support families and youth.

As it pursues all activities in support of its mission, the UT Institute of Agriculture is committed to Affirmative Action and other programs which contribute to cultural and ethnic diversity.

The University of Tennessee Institute for Public Service

The mission of the Institute for Public Service is to serve Tennesseans by leveraging university expertise to meet community and workplace needs.