

## **A- 6. AUBURN UNIVERSITY MONTGOMERY MISSION STATEMENT**

Auburn University at Montgomery's mission, as the metropolitan campus of Auburn University, a land-grant institution, is to foster and exemplify excellence in education through instruction, research, and service. Auburn University at Montgomery ("AUM") blends the traditional views of the University as a community of scholars with the contemporary view of the University as an integral part of the surrounding community, state, and region. AUM provides academic programs that are characteristic of the finest traditions of scholarship and consistent with the responsibility of the University to provide support for the functions of government, regional economic growth, and cultural enrichment through the arts.

As a center of learning dedicated to the examination of ideas and values influencing civilizations, AUM is committed to:

1. Providing students with an understanding of the issues, ideas, and values that have a significant impact on the development of society;
2. Developing in its students the methodological approaches essential to understanding contemporary society and its problems and to fostering critical thinking;
3. Providing students with a broadly based education, as well as preparing them for the learned professions;
4. Conducting research that contributes to the advancement of knowledge;
5. Extending its knowledge, skills, and resources to the community, state, and region; and
6. Providing opportunities for lifelong learning.

AUM encourages open and free inquiry and seeks to instill in its students ways of thinking, communicating, and learning that will be of enduring value.

AUM is committed to the following values:

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| • Excellence     | • Accessibility               |
| • Fairness       | • Responsibility              |
| • Accountability | • Diversity and Inclusiveness |
| • Honesty        | • Creativity                  |

The personal and intellectual development of students is the inherent goal of a university education. This assumption, complemented by the belief that knowledge is valuable in itself, underlies the primary aspiration of AUM: to create in students a realization of their potential as responsible, ethical human beings. AUM adopts the following goals:

1. Enhance academic programs.
2. Increase student success and retention.
3. Enhance AUM's engagement with AU.
4. Increase AUM's partnerships with business, government, and the community external to AUM.
5. Attract, recruit, and retain a diverse faculty and staff of highly qualified individuals.
6. Identify and obtain the financial resources needed to support the University's mission.
7. Maintain a physical facilities infrastructure, including buildings and information technology, which enhances academic programs, business operations, and student life.

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