



Invent the Future: Quality, Innovation, Results: The 2006 - 2012 Strategic Plan Update

Virginia Tech Core Values

- *Freedom of inquiry
- *Mutual respect
- *Lifelong learning
- *A commitment to diverse and inclusive communities
- **Ut Prosim* (That I May Serve)
- *Personal and institutional integrity
- *A culture of continuous improvement

Freedom of inquiry. Fundamental to the creation and transmission of knowledge is a commitment to nurture and protect freedom of inquiry. Intellectual freedom is the foundation of academic excellence and is vital to sustaining environments in which sound and rigorous learning, discovery, and engagement occur.

Mutual respect. At the center of the educational enterprise is the commitment to the exchange of ideas and information. Respect for varied points of view and the diverse backgrounds upon which they may be based is essential to the continued growth and advancement of all members of the university community.

Lifelong learning. A commitment to lifelong learning and inquiry within and outside the university community guarantees continued growth and secures for society the benefits of ever advancing knowledge.

A commitment to diverse and inclusive communities. In carrying out its mission, Virginia Tech values the educational benefits of diverse ideas, peoples, and cultures. Articulated in the Virginia Tech Principles of Community, adopted by the board of visitors in 2005, diversity enlivens the exchange of ideas, broadens scholarship, and contributes to just engagement in all the world's communities.

Ut Prosim. (That I May Serve) is Virginia Tech's motto. This attribute distinguishes Virginia Tech from all but a few of the nation's institutions. As a community of scholars and reflective of our land-grant mission, Virginia Tech is committed to service to individuals and society in all its forms.

Personal and institutional integrity. Integrity demands that all members of the university community and the university itself engage in continual civil discourse and ethical behaviors that advance learning, discovery, and engagement, supported by the administration. Integrity demands maintaining standards of personal and professional behavior of the highest order.

A culture of continuous improvement. Through benchmarking, assessment, evaluation of academic and administrative goals, and a commitment to process improvement and change, Virginia Tech will achieve greater national and international prominence.