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- conducting research of the highest caliber that seeks to answer questions and create solutions in order to expand human understanding and make a positive difference, both locally and internationally
- advancing outreach and engagement, and economic development activities that are innovative, research-driven, and lead to a better quality of life for individuals and communities, at home and around the world.
- Promoting the principles of liberal learning across undergraduate teaching, research and engagement.

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