

Mission of the University and Graduate Programs

OUR MISSION

Converse empowers students to become transformative leaders who see clearly, decide wisely, and act justly.

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OUR HISTORY

Converse was founded in 1889 by Dexter Edgar Converse to provide the liberal education of undergraduate women in a residential setting. Since our founding, Converse has been a community of scholars, where students and faculty pursue scholarly excellence and collaborate in the search for truth while developing in students personal honor, confidence, and the curiosity and skills to be life-long learners. The college draws much of its character from its Christian heritage and welcomes students of all faiths. Converse remains committed to building and strengthening our academic programs to be responsive for the future. In 1964 our co-educational graduate programs launched, providing innovative programs for adult and professional study. In the Fall of 2020 we expanded our mission by offering our distinctive undergraduate education to women and men. Converse's undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs advance a culture of belonging and collaboration that ignites creativity, innovation, and transformation. Our graduates thrive in roles of leadership, service, and citizenship in their personal lives, community and beyond.