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## Description

Located in historic Providence, Rhode Island and founded in 1764, Brown University is the seventh-oldest college in the United States. Brown is an independent, coeducational Ivy League institution comprising undergraduate and graduate programs, plus the Alpert Medical School and the School of Engineering.

With its talented and motivated student body and accomplished faculty, Brown is a leading research university that maintains a particular commitment to exceptional undergraduate instruction.

Brown's vibrant, diverse community consists of 6,000 undergraduates, 2,000 graduate students, 400 medical school students, more than 5,000 summer, visiting and online students, and nearly 700 faculty members. Brown students come from all 50 states and more than 100 countries.

## Mission

In 2003, President Ruth J. Simmons created the Office of Institutional Diversity (OID) to provide leadership for the formulation and oversight of policies related to pluralism and equity, and initiate programs and practices that promote diversity, inclusion and fair treatment of all members of the community. The associate provost and director of institutional diversity leads the work in OID.

## Philosophy

Diversity is the foundation of the academic enterprise. Exposure to a broad range of perspectives, views and outlooks is key to fostering both breadth and depth in intellectual knowledge.

Diversity policies and programs at Brown are designed to: (1) redress historical patterns of exclusion and (2) foster opportunities to embrace the greatest mix of ideas, opinions, and beliefs so important to the achievement of academic excellence. Accordingly, the term diversity is used at Brown in the broadest sense to encompass many things such as race, color, religion, age, national and ethnicity origin, disability, status as a veteran, language, socio-economic background, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, political ideology, theoretical approach and the list can go on. It is through the interaction among individuals from a diverse set of experiences, histories and backgrounds that true intellectual diversity is achieved.

At Brown, we seek to achieve diversity in our living, learning and working environments by placing emphasis on the recruitment and retention of students, faculty and staff from a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. We also work to ensure diversity in our curricular and co-curricular offerings, and we invest in the structural supports needed to manage our lively, provocative, and stimulating community.

### Goals of Diversity Efforts

We believe that interaction among individuals from a diverse set of experiences, histories, attitudes, and backgrounds sharpens debate and promotes intellectual excellence. Therefore the goal of our diversity efforts is to position Brown as a national leader in fully integrating diversity into the core operations of our institution.



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