



# LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

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## President





# About Liberty University

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Located in Central Virginia, Liberty University is an accredited evangelical liberal arts institution with 15 colleges and schools and more than 700 programs of study from the certificate to doctoral level. The University offers programs in the fields of medicine, biology, chemistry, education, counseling, religion, law, aviation, cinematic arts, business, and more. Part of the ASUN conference, Liberty fields 20 NCAA Division I athletic teams and over 40 club sports teams, offering you an exceptional college sports experience.

Emphasizing just the right balance between academic theory, research, and hands-on training, the University's unique approach to education means that students are able not only to succeed in their professions of choice but also to adapt and thrive in a constantly changing marketplace. It is not just that they can do a job well, but that they have the critical thinking, research, data analysis, and communication skills that transfer to a variety of fields. Liberty graduates are sought after by prestigious companies for their integrity, personal discipline, and versatility. They are confident and competent, ready to make a lasting impact on their profession and their community.

The faculty who mentor Liberty students are distinguished men and women with years of real-world experience, advanced degrees from some of the world's most respected schools, and a strong commitment to the Christian faith. Each member of the faculty is dedicated to mentorship and to helping students become leaders in their field. They combine academic excellence with robust Christian faith and are determined to help students do the same.



# Philosophy of Education

Liberty University is a Christian academic community in the tradition of evangelical institutions of higher education. As such, Liberty continues the philosophy of education which first gave rise to the university, and which is summarized in the following propositions.

- God, the infinite source of all things, has shown us truth through scripture, nature, history, and above all, in Christ.
- Persons are spiritual, rational, moral, social, and physical, created in the image of God. They are, therefore, able to know and to value themselves and other persons, the universe, and God.
- Education as the process of teaching and learning, involves the whole person, by developing the knowledge, values, and skills which enable each individual to change freely. Thus, it occurs most effectively when both instructor and student are properly related to God and each other through Christ.

## Statement of Mission and Purpose

Maintaining the vision of the founder, Dr. Jerry Falwell, Liberty University develops Christ-centered men and women with the values, knowledge, and skills essential to impact the world.

Through its residential and online programs, services, facilities, and collaborations, the University educates men and women who will make important contributions to their workplaces and communities, follow their chosen vocations as callings to glorify God and fulfill the Great Commission.

Liberty University will:

1. Emphasize excellence in teaching and learning.
2. Foster university-level competencies in communication, critical thinking, information literacy, and mathematics in all undergraduate programs.
3. Ensure competency in scholarship, research, and professional communication in all graduate programs and undergraduate programs where appropriate.
4. Promote the synthesis of academic knowledge and a Christian worldview in order that there might be a maturing of spiritual, intellectual, social and physical value-driven behavior.
5. Enable students to engage in a major field of study in career-focused disciplines built on a solid foundation in the liberal arts.
6. Promote an understanding of the Western tradition and the diverse elements of American cultural history, especially the importance of the individual in maintaining democratic and free market processes.
7. Contribute to a knowledge and understanding of other cultures and of international events.
8. Encourage a commitment to the Christian life, one of personal integrity, sensitivity to the needs of others, social responsibility and active communication of the Christian faith, and, as it is lived out, a life that leads people to Jesus Christ as the Lord of the universe and their own personal Savior.





# By the Numbers

More than **700**  
unique programs of  
study



**7,000+**  
acre campus

Students from **50**  
US States and  
**76** countries



**130,000+**  
total enrollment



**20**  
NCAA Division I sports

**17:1**  
combined  
Student/Professor  
ratio



**40+**  
Club Sports teams

**15**  
Colleges and Schools



**250,000+**  
Alumni





## History

Founded in 1971 in Lynchburg, Virginia, Liberty has grown from a small college of 154 students into a university with a residential student body of more than 15,000 residential and more than 115,000 online students. Preparing students to be doctors, educators, ministers, lawyers, aviators, counselors, engineers, and more, Liberty is committed to developing tomorrow's leaders — men and women of character whose impact will extend beyond their professions to change the world around them.

Through those founding years, students and faculty were inspired to influence the moral and ethical course of America. Subsequently, the school's name officially changed to Liberty Baptist College in 1976 and the colors were changed to red, white, and blue. The college achieved full accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in 1980.

By 1985, the school had become recognized as a fully accredited university, adding programs and garnering recognition from both mainstream culture and the world of academia. Liberty also pioneered a distance learning program that year, launching what is now known as Liberty University Online.

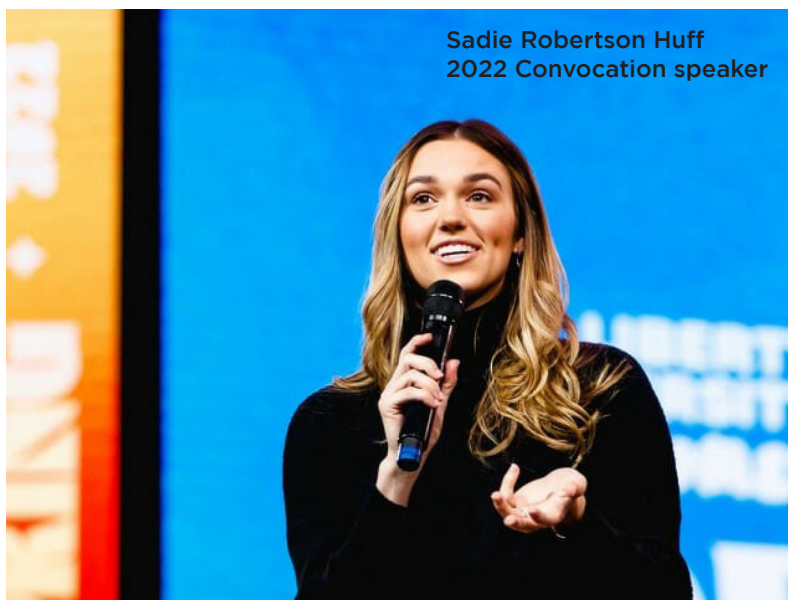
With the passing of the founder in 2007, his son, Jerry Falwell Jr., became chancellor and president of the university. At the 2007 Commencement ceremony, just days after his father's passing, the now President Falwell proclaimed, "We have prepared for this transition for 15 years or more. All is well at Liberty."

Liberty's journey has been one of facing giants, making the impossible possible, watching fervent prayer move mountains, and *Training Champions for Christ*.

Marcus Allen  
2021 Convocation speaker



Tim Tebow  
2021 Commencement speaker



Sadie Robertson Huff  
2022 Convocation speaker







## Founder

In 1967, Dr. Jerry Falwell implemented his vision to build a Christian educational system for evangelical youth. He began with the establishment of Lynchburg Christian Academy, an accredited Christian day school for grades K-12 and in 1971, founded Liberty University, an accredited Christian university for evangelical believers. In 1985, Dr. Falwell announced his goal of 50,000 students.

Today his vision is still being fulfilled, with more than 15,000 students attending classes on campus in Lynchburg, Virginia, and more than 115,000 students from all 50 states and 76 countries taking courses through Liberty University Online. Dr. Falwell's vision to *Train Champions for Christ* is still the bedrock for Liberty University today.





## Academics

At Liberty, students experience hands-on learning, flexible study options, and advanced academic facilities like the nationally recognized [Jerry Falwell Library](#). The University offers more than 700 programs of study under professors who couple their academic experience with rich marketplace experience, grounded in their Christian faith.

[Undergraduate Degree Programs](#)

[Graduate Degree Programs](#)

[Post-Graduate Degree Programs](#)

[Doctoral Degree Programs](#)

[Online Degree Programs](#)



## Faith & Service

The Office of Spiritual Development exists to develop Champions for Christ by offering opportunities to grow in Christ and give like Christ. Students grow in their faith as they participate in the wide variety of ministry and mission opportunities at Liberty University. They deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ and energize their personal ministries with weekly worship gatherings, local service projects, global mission trips, and an atmosphere that encourages cultural engagement. [Learn More.](#)







## Campus Life

There is always something to do at Liberty. The campus has an abundance of options to suit just about any mood, whether relaxation or adventure, entertainment or exercise, fellowship, or competition. [Learn more.](#)

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## Athletics

A thriving athletics program has been an integral part of Liberty University's vision from the beginning, and today Liberty enrolls over 500 student athletes engaged in 20 NCAA Division I athletic teams, over 40+ Club Sports teams, and 20 intramural sports. Liberty's NCAA Division I program has won more than 180 conference titles. [Learn more.](#)





# The Opportunity

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On August 10, 2022, the Board of Trustees announced a national search to identify the next President of Liberty University (Liberty). The next president will be charged with advancing Liberty's Founder's gospel-centered mission of "Training Champions for Christ." As the largest Christian university, and one of the largest universities in the world, Liberty's growth and impact continued this fall by welcoming the second largest class in its 51-year history. The Board of Trustees invites nominations and applications from individuals committed to the fidelity of Liberty's mission and continuing the work forward to an even greater future.

## The Position

The next president will assume leadership of an exceptionally talented, high-performing leadership team which is among the best in higher education today. The Liberty culture is built upon a faculty and staff committed to Training Champions for Christ and transforming lives by providing an unapologetically Christian education. While much has been accomplished in the first 50 years, the University is now focused on the future – the next fifty years of expanding the impact of Liberty and its students around the world. The ideal presidential candidate is a strategic leader capable of fostering the entrepreneurial spirit of Liberty within a large, complex enterprise to further the founding mission and vision. The valuable experience of the next president may come from proven leadership roles in academia, business, nonprofit, government, or ministry.



The president will seek to understand and advance the uniqueness of the Liberty experience for all students. Liberty enjoys a growing population of over 130,000 undergraduate, graduate, on-ground, online, international, and military students. The President must love Liberty, especially the students, modeling Christian living and excellence in personal and spiritual disciplines. Liberty's long and rich history of transformation is evidenced by its 7,000-acre campus and award-winning facilities set among the spectacular vistas of the Blue Ridge foothills. For more than fifty years, lives have been transformed by Liberty's leadership, faculty, and staff, and more than 250,000 alumni have been sent out to be salt and light in their communities and vocations. The president will advance the awareness of Liberty's work building and changing lives to outside constituents and stakeholders, inviting parents, students, faculty, and partners to join Liberty in its mission.

The selected president must build upon Liberty's strong leadership culture, fostering an internal environment of both trust and trustworthiness. Modeling leadership integrity, the president will ensure that Liberty's commitment to transparent integrity is a significant part of its cultural essence, holding the leadership team to a high standard of personal integrity and expressing a determination to be held to that same standard.

## Qualifications and Attributes

Liberty's Board of Trustees now seeks as its president, an evangelical Christian leader who pursues godly wisdom and humility in both life and leadership. The selected candidate will be a person above reproach, teachable, optimistic, authentic, transparent, and steadfast in their commitment and affirmation of the mission, vision, values, and the statement of faith of Liberty and Thomas Road Baptist Church.

Additionally, the President must be:

- A committed servant of Jesus Christ and servant leader to others, seeking godly wisdom, counsel, and direction in pursuit of excellence.
- Passionate about and committed to communicating the gospel, the value of Christian education, and the story of Liberty to various audiences and constituencies.
- A spiritual leader whose bearings and convictions come from a growing relationship with Jesus Christ, a biblical worldview, healthy spiritual and personal disciplines, and a history of standing firm upon the principles of God's inerrant word.
- A leader with business acumen and competencies in financial and operational management, preferably in a highly complex environment - simultaneously entrepreneurial and collaborative.
- A leader who will embrace development efforts and build like-minded partnerships with external stakeholders to advance the university's mission.
- An active member of a local church with a history of service and support.

Preference will be given to candidates with a graduate or advanced degree, experience in higher education, or a deep understanding and appreciation for Liberty's historical legacy, and its commitment to the full integration of faith and learning.





# Applications & Nominations



Applications and nominations will be accepted until a new President is appointed. Candidates should submit a Resume or CV and Letter of Interest addressed to the Liberty University President Search Committee by October 12, 2022, for most favorable consideration.

Nominations, expressions of interest, and applications will be treated with complete confidentiality and should be submitted directly to [LUPresident@carterbaldwin.com](mailto:LUPresident@carterbaldwin.com). Confidential inquiries and questions concerning this search may be directed to:



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# Lynchburg, Virginia

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Liberty University is nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains and located on the south bank of the historic James River in a region brimming with history, culture, and outdoor recreational opportunities. Lynchburg, Virginia is a city of 50 square miles located near the geographic center of the state, bordered by the eastern edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is located approximately 180 miles southwest of Washington, D.C. With a population of more than 80,000, Lynchburg is considerably smaller than many metropolitan suburbs. The city and surrounding counties represent a population of more than 228,000 comprising a region of remarkable diversity, industry, and historic significance.

A city rich in history, Lynchburg was established in 1786 at the site of Lynch's Ferry on the James River. It was a center of commerce and manufacturing in the 19th Century. Thomas Jefferson's crowning architectural achievement, Monticello, is located in nearby Charlottesville, and his Poplar Forest is located just outside Lynchburg.

Lynchburg also boasts outstanding cultural, educational, and recreation opportunities, operating 12 parks, 24 playgrounds, eight community centers, an Olympic-size pool, 34 tennis courts, and 26 baseball diamonds. Other opportunities include hiking in the Blue Ridge Mountains or on the Appalachian Trail; swimming and boating on Smith Mountain Lake, one of the country's largest man-made bodies of water; skiing at nearby Wintergreen Resort; or taking in a minor-league baseball game at the city-managed stadium. The Blackwater Creek Natural Area offers miles of hiking and biking within the city limits, most of them shielded from houses and buildings by steep bluffs and wilderness.

An active community with friendly residential neighborhoods, Lynchburg also has a tradition of outstanding public education. Lynchburg operates one of the top school systems in the state and is recognized for its unique Partners in Education program that partners the business and government sectors with the schools. The city is also home to five public and private colleges and universities, including Liberty University.

