Global Research Institute (GRI)

W&M's multidisciplinary hub for applied global research
Origin

Honors Thesis ->
Green Leafe ->
Dataset ->
World Bank
Mission

We exist to empower teams of William & Mary students and faculty to make a difference in the world. We are a multidisciplinary hub that applies scholarly research to real world problems, investing in outstanding student and faculty scholars to catalyze new insights and cultivate the next generation of global leaders.
Our approach, in partnership with top faculty across the university, achieves research of consequence.
Impact

GRI:

- Has brought in over $73 million in external grants
- Has 50+ full time research staff, supports 25+ active research faculty, and employs 200+ students
- Supports 10 active research labs
- Manages an annual budget of over $7 million
- Work is featured in elite media (Washington Post, Economist, NYTimes)
Our Structure
GRI RESEARCH LABS

Office of the Provost

Global Research Institute

AIDDATA  ABC  ARC  BLOCKCHAIN  DIG  IGNITE  IJL  NUKELAB  PIPS  TRIP
Flywheel in Action
3 EXAMPLES

1. Tracking Chinese Development Finance
2. Digital Inclusion & Governance
3. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Academic Diversity
A $50,000 pilot of a student idea to track and better understand Chinese activities led to investments of more than $4 million.
A $20,000 pilot on mobile phones and women’s empowerment in Africa led to investments of more than $900,000 (from Gates/IPA).
Flywheel in Action
POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR ACADEMIC DIVERSITY

This pilot has led to increased research participation from non-traditional student groups, increased production of basic research, increased public scholarship and visibility for W&M, and increased support for Tenure Eligible W&M faculty in pursuit of external funding.
What’s Next? Vision 2026

VISION 2026

Framework for Planning In, Fall 2021
What’s Next? Vision 2026

1. Accelerate the GRI flywheel through core support for research infrastructure
2. Global Scholars Program
3. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Academic Diversity
4. University wide research & innovation initiative?