Global Research Institute (GRI)

W&M's multidisciplinary hub for applied global research



Origin

Honors Thesis ->
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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.



GRI Researchers

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 GRIRESEARCH LABS

Office of the Provost

Global Research Institute

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Invest in Culture & People to Explore Problems

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Share Insights with
Those who Make
& Shape Policy



Produce Applied Research

Create & Support
Diverse Research
Teams

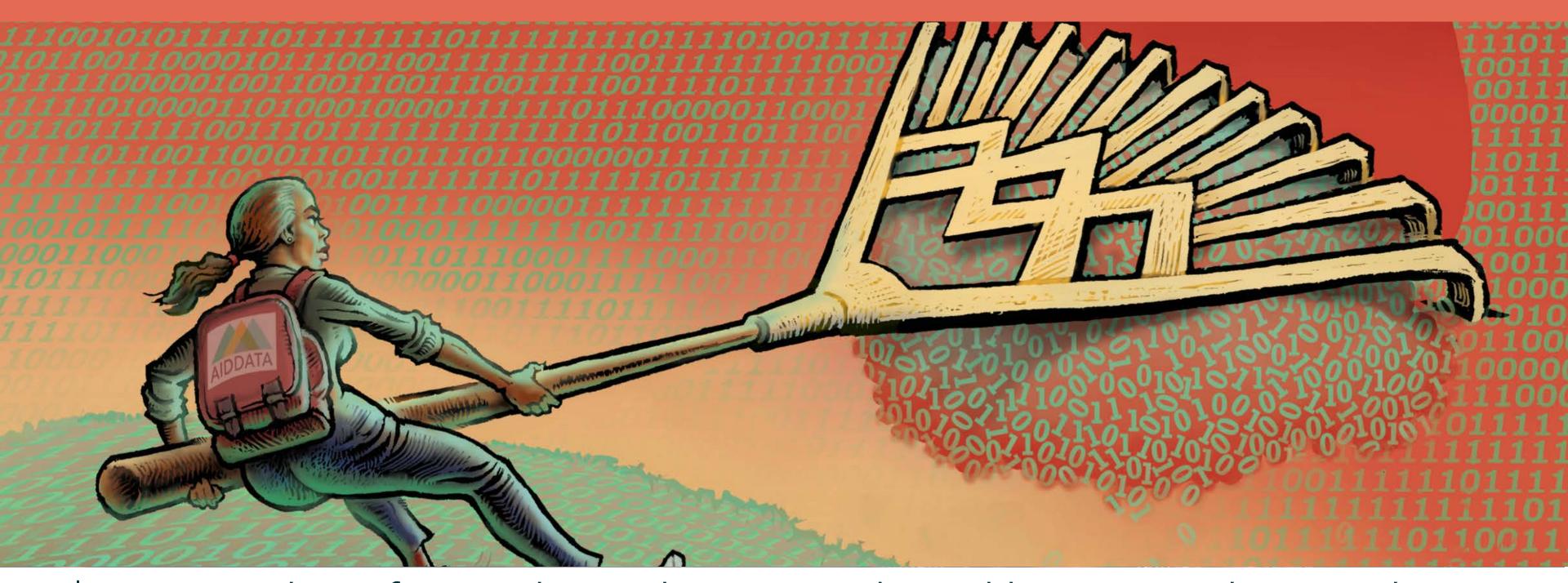
Collaborate with Internal & External Partners

3 EXAMPLES

- 1. Tracking Chinese Development Finance
- 2. Digital Inclusion & Governance
- 3. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Academic Diversity



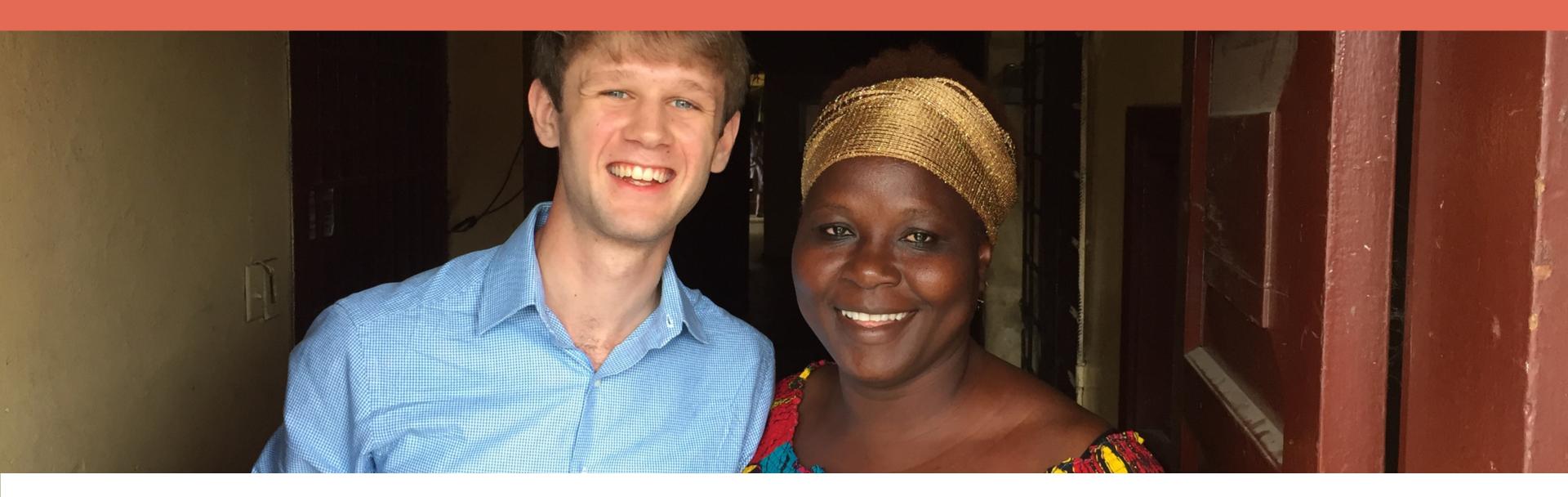
TRACKING CHINESE DEVELOPMENT FINANCE



A \$50,000 pilot of a student idea to track and better understand Chinese activities led to investments of more than \$4 million.



DIGITAL INCLUSION & GOVERNANCE



A \$20,000 pilot on mobile phones and women's empowerment in Africa led to investments of more than \$900,000 (from Gates/IPA).



POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP FOR ACADEMIC DIVERSITY



This pilot has led to increased research participation from nontraditional 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.

Partners & Reach













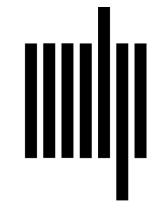
















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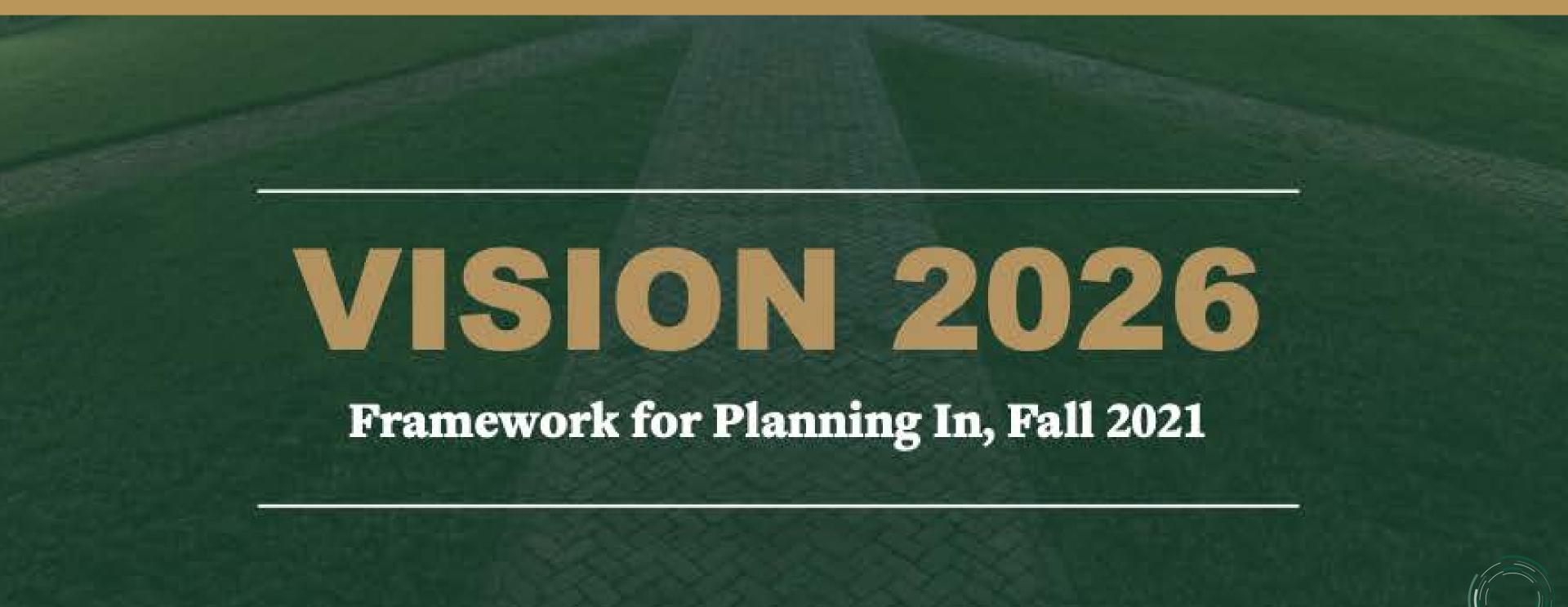
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What's Next? Vision 2026



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- 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?

