

FRAMEWORK

Western Research Institutes

Western Research Institutes (WRI) promote, recognize and support interdisciplinary research.

They provide leadership and structure to secure resources that advance interdisciplinary excellence to complement faculty-based research and enhance the university's impact and reputation.



Western
Research

Goals

Promote interdisciplinary work on grand challenges of societal importance.

Mobilize teams of researchers and multi-sectoral partners.

Facilitate the development of large-scale research proposals.

Support the recognition of interdisciplinary research, scholarship and creative activity.

Short-term outcomes

Strategic priorities & projects

more interaction with partners throughout the research process

strategic interdisciplinary projects conceptualized and implemented

progress on early-stage or high-risk interdisciplinary research ideas

1-2 years

Interdisciplinary profile & supports

new connections and expansion of interdisciplinary skilled teams





quality personnel in place to support institute leadership and research community

relationship with other units and core facilities established

communication platforms and tools launched

Intermediate outcomes

Strategic priorities & projects

enhanced scope and quality of interdisciplinary research

identified more relevant and impactful solutions to address grand challenge priorities

3-5 years

Interdisciplinary profile

track record established for new diverse interdisciplinary research teams

active presence and engagement in internal and external communication platforms

new talent attracted by interdisciplinary research environment



5+ years

Long-term outcomes

Strategic priorities & projects

- uptake of institute-driven solutions in academia, policy or practice for social impact
- institute renewal with new strategic plan for continued interdisciplinary growth and impact

Resources & supports

- sustainability pathways identified and proposal submissions increased
- assisted advancement operations with initiating cases for support





Interdisciplinary profile & supports

-  sustainability plan in place with multiple sources of support secured for continued interdisciplinary growth
-  continued increase in research partnerships among academic and multi-sectoral experts locally, nationally and internationally
-  enhanced visibility, recognition and credibility of Western's interdisciplinary research strengths in the global community
-  new talent acquisitions at Western in areas of interdisciplinary strength

