

2022-2027 STRATEGIC PLAN

VISION

To be a global leader in developing innovative knowledge and solutions for a sustainable and equitable water future.

MISSION

To build a diverse community that conducts interdisciplinary research, education and outreach to understand and solve complex water challenges.

CORE VALUES

- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion
- Excellence & Integrity
- Discovery & Innovation
- Interdisciplinarity & Collaboration

GOALS

1

People: Increase the number and diversity of faculty, staff, students and stakeholders engaged in Water Institute programs

2

Knowledge: Bring together teams to produce high-impact interdisciplinary water research and education programs that address state, national and global water issues

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Action: Inform water-related decisions, actions and policy development through actionable research, expert assistance, stakeholder engagement and outreach



STRATEGIES		GOAL		
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1	Publish, implement, evaluate and update the Water Institute Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility (IDEA) Action Plan	✓		
2	Provide engagement and mentoring opportunities for undergraduate, graduate students and post-doctoral associates, with special programs for underrepresented groups	✓		
3	Nominate Water Institute affiliate faculty, students and staff who make outstanding contributions to water-related research, extension or education for state, national and international awards	✓		
4	Strengthen the Water Institute Graduate Fellows program by securing continued support from the UF Graduate School and increased funding from external sources	✓	✓	
5	Host state, national and international events and working groups that promote networking opportunities, coproduction of knowledge, stakeholder engagement and visibility for the Water Institute community	✓	✓	✓
6	Enhance external collaboration by leveraging Fulbright and other visiting scholar programs to bring national and international experts to participate in Water Institute programs	✓	✓	
7	Form and nurture interdisciplinary teams to write proposals, conduct research projects, produce synthesis papers, and develop new courses/curricula in emerging, high-priority areas	✓	✓	✓
8	Coordinate and facilitate efforts to disseminate new knowledge and data-driven solutions to water users, water managers and policy makers			✓
9	Increase the visibility and impact of the Water Institute and its affiliate faculty, staff and students by promoting its water-related research, extension and education contributions and related programs via innovative communication strategies	✓	✓	✓

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