



Discovery

The College of the Environment promotes improved understanding of the interactions between the Earth's environment and human activities.

From the forests to the seas, the depths of the earth to the edges of the solar system, the College is unrivaled in environmental research, education, and application. In partnership with industry, government, and non-profits, we are committed to creating future leaders, steeped in basic science and critical thinking, and focused on developing sustainable solutions to the critical environmental challenges of our time.

Composition

For decades the UW has been home to one of the strongest constellations in the world of intellectual talent related to the environment. To fulfill a vision leveraging these strengths into a world-class environmental hub, the UW created a college, the highest level of academic organization with the leadership of a dean.

The College promotes collaborations among outstanding faculty, staff, and students exploring:

- the earth's dynamic land, water, biological and atmosphere systems;
- the development and application of engineering and technological advances; and
- the impact of policy and human dimensions on the environment and the management of natural resources.

The College currently comprises the following major academic, research and outreach units:

- School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences (*anticipated 2010*)
- Department of Atmospheric Sciences
- Department of Earth and Space Sciences
- Environmental Institute
- School of Forest Resources
- Joint Institute for the Study of the Atmosphere and Ocean
- School of Marine Affairs
- School of Oceanography (*anticipated 2010*)
- Program on Climate Change
- Program on the Environment
- Quaternary Research Center
- Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium
- Washington Sea Grant Program (*anticipated 2010*)

Education

The College of the Environment provides a rich learning environment for approximately 1200 undergraduate and graduate students. Both individuals and interdisciplinary teams, guided closely by faculty and other professionals, address significant real-world research and applications. This hands-on approach to learning and discovery led by world-class environmental investigators is the hallmark of our program

Our graduates are highly recruited by industry, government agencies, public/private companies, non-profits, and educational institutions. In addition, we offer a broad spectrum of general education courses that reach thousands of students every year.

Faculty

The more than 200 members of the college faculty are some of the most respected and productive investigators in their fields. Their work ranges from fundamental process studies to translational research leading to real-world solutions. College of the Environment faculty honors include:

- Five members of the National Academy of Sciences
- Three Fellows of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences
- Twelve Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
- 2008 MacArthur Foundation Fellow
- 2006 Volvo Environmental Prize
- 2005 Heinz Foundation Award for the Environment
- Five Fulbright Fellowships since 1998

Financial Highlights

- Grants and contracts exceeded \$80 million in FY08.
- Tuition represents \$12.4 million or 12.7% of total revenues and state operating appropriations were \$13.2 million or 13.4% of total revenues in FY08.
- Instruction and research comprised 89.6% of the total College operating expenses.
- Approximately \$3.0 million was provided to students in scholarships and stipends in FY08.
- Private support (gifts and grants) in FY09 for all units in the College totaled nearly \$20 million.

