At the College of the Environment, our passion is boundless for understanding how the world works and what we can do to sustain it. We delve deep into the workings of the Earth, both in its totality and in each of its dimensions. The College connects educators, researchers, students and citizens, cultivating communities who work with and learn from each other while tackling critical environmental challenges. Public and private funding of more than $173 million annually supports faculty, staff, and students working on climate, ecology, natural resource management, and marine, earth, and space processes.
RESEARCH

- We conduct research from Earth’s core to the cosmos on all 7 continents and in all 5 oceans
- Our work is carried out through research and outreach centers, labs, field stations, research groups and cooperative programs
- Select areas of research include climate and weather, sustainable forestry, urban ecology, invasive species, earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis, salmon fisheries, ecosystem-based management and development of underwater observatories

COLLABORATION & SERVICE

- Faculty members serve as advisors to local, regional, national, and international organizations, including the Pacific and North Pacific Fishery Management Councils, the International Whaling Commission, and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
- With the Foster School of Business and the College of Engineering, the College of the Environment co-sponsors the annual Environmental Innovation Challenge, where interdisciplinary teams of students develop market-ready solutions to environmental issues
- UW Environment’s citizen science programs, K-12 resources and public education programs serve communities and students across the region

FACULTY AND STAFF

- More than 1,000 faculty, researchers and administrative staff work in the College
- Award-winning faculty include:
  Aldo Leopold Leadership Fellows
  American Academy of Arts and Sciences Fellows
  American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows
  American Geophysical Union Fellows
  Ecological Society of America Fellows
  Fulbright Scholars
  Heinz Foundation Award in the Environment recipients
  MacArthur Foundation Fellow
  National Academy of Sciences members
  Volvo Environment Prize recipient
  Washington State Academy of Sciences members
  White House Champions of Change

FINANCIAL

- Grants and Contracts (FY2018) $122 million
- State Support and Tuition Revenue (FY2018) $41 million
- Private Support (FY2018) $40 million
- Endowment Value (06/30/2018) $114 million

LEADERSHIP

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