

Value of Carolina's Pan-Campus Research Centers & Institutes

At the heart of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's powerhouse research enterprise lies a network of dynamic, interdisciplinary hubs. The research centers and institutes housed within the **Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research** are vibrant engines of discovery, collaboration, student opportunities that drive real-world impact and tackle some of the most pressing societal challenges head-on.

By breaking down traditional disciplinary silos and creating bridges between schools and departments to forge comprehensive approaches to complex problems, research centers and institutes:

- Provide credibility and leadership across national centers and help set domain-specific national research agendas.
- Attract public-private and government partnerships and funding from a wide variety of agencies.
- Develop innovative processes to support interdisciplinary research that serve as models for other units within the University.
- Serve as a convening point with local communities, and across North Carolina and the U.S. on specific issues.
- Contribute to Carolina's research enterprise by generating large volumes of unique and highly valuable data.
- Attract and recruit highly sought-after faculty members with cutting-edge science and infrastructure.
- Play a pivotal role in career development, providing professional opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoctoral trainees.

\$231M

in research funding
awarded in FY24*

673%

return on North Carolina
State investment*

1,000

center and institute
employees*

**For the 14 pan-campus centers and institutes within the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.*

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research Center & Institute Model

Continuity Throughout the Year

- Unlike schools and departments, freedom from the academic calendar allows for continuity on projects and nimble response to sponsor needs.

Specialization

- Offers high-quality services and specialized staff, affording top faculty the ability to create while rewarding innovation and ambition.

Magnet for Talent

- With focus on specific grand challenges, able to attract and retain the highest-quality talent

A Resource to Seed New Opportunities

- Provides pilot funding and other resources to stimulate new grants.

