



**The Cabot Institute for the Environment was established as the University of Bristol's first flagship interdisciplinary research institute in 2010. Since then, we have been at the leading edge of catalysing and promoting interdisciplinary research, education, and engagement on environmental issues. As an institute we now bring together a community of over 600 researchers to form one of the largest and most successful clusters of environmental researchers in the UK.**

At the heart of our work is the core belief that understanding and finding solutions to environmental challenges requires different perspectives, expertise, and action. Through our new strategy we aim to continue to build upon our strong university community foundations and partnerships to empower and co-create knowledge and solutions to environmental challenges.

### Our vision

A global hub for world-leading interdisciplinary environmental research and life-long learning, with a community where all feel welcome and supported to understand and deliver new solutions to environmental challenges. An institute that convenes, connects, and empowers people from around the world to unite on the most pressing global environmental issues of our time to create transitions to a more just and sustainable future.

### Our mission

Is to provide knowledge, evidence, education, and solutions that protect our environment and identify better ways to live within our changing planet.

### Our ambitions

In a world that is changing at an unprecedented rate, we have come together as a community to agree a set of ambitious objectives. These can only be achieved by working across disciplines and with partners in government, industry and civil society.

Our objectives are to:

- Support and engage on world-leading interdisciplinary environmental research.
- Contribute knowledge and collaborate to find solutions to the world's most pressing problems.
- Encourage scholars to go beyond their disciplines to share knowledge and foster innovation and ideas that contribute to the changes needed to help societies across the world to make a just transition to a more sustainable future.
- Be the go-to place globally for policymakers, research funders, industry and community organisations who seek advice and evidence on environmental issues.
- Working together with our partnerships at all scales to co-create solutions and catalyse the changes needed in our changing world.
- Offer global leadership in multidisciplinary environmental education with a recognised and highly esteemed 'brand' that attracts future and emerging environmental research leaders across the world.



## Strategic pillars

To achieve vision and mission we have set out four interconnected strategic pillars to enable us to fulfil our ambitions:

### Pillar A: World-leading interdisciplinary environmental research

Our world-leading interdisciplinary research will bring together researchers from all disciplines within the university to deliver high-quality, solution-focussed research into climate and environment, on global to local scales, emphasising systemic change. We will develop international partnerships and networks to enhance our international profile, bringing together global expertise and increasing the impact of our research.

### Pillar B: Our inclusive and vibrant research community culture

Our inclusive and vibrant research community culture will be nurtured through the convening power and citizenship of the Institute. We will continue to support, facilitate, and catalyse connections, which enables new research, education collaborations and partnerships.

### Pillar C: Creating meaningful impact

Our evidence base will be used to work with policy makers, industry, and civil society to support systemic change in response to global environmental problems, putting fairness and justice at the heart of decision-making. By engaging the public, we will make our evidence accessible to build wider awareness and support collective action on environmental change.

### Pillar D: An inspiring education & transformative learning environment

We will build an educational package that nurtures interdisciplinary environmental researchers and leaders, including those from non-traditional, and diverse backgrounds and across career stages. Through our postgraduate research degrees, we provide training for those who want to undertake projects that require an interdisciplinary approach. We will support the University of Bristol in its efforts to integrate sustainable and environmental teaching into all its schools and faculties, so that our students enter the workplace informed and equipped with the skills needed.

### Discover more about our institute and join us

Our ambitious strategy requires us to work collectively both within and with our city and globally. Together we can protect our environment and identify better ways to live within our changing planet.

Find out how to get involved by visiting [bristol.ac.uk/cabot](https://bristol.ac.uk/cabot)

Read our full strategy at [bristol.ac.uk/cabot/what-we-do](https://bristol.ac.uk/cabot/what-we-do)

