

VILLANOVA INSTITUTE FOR CLIMATE, JUSTICE, AND SUSTAINABILITY [ICJS]



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

An interdisciplinary university institute will be the academic home for research, curricula, and community outreach with focus on climate, environmental justice, health, and sustainability. The work of the institute will be performed by faculty fellows, undergraduate and graduate student assistantships, and by visiting scholars. The institute will oversee academic and project work. The institute will empower new leaders and develop innovative strategies to address the highly complex interdisciplinary challenges of climate, justice, and sustainability. The institute will launch as an initiative in the first two years of operation.

PROJECT UPDATES

Pursuing the formation of the Institute has been approved by the President. A steering committee has been formed, comprised of 10 faculty members representing all of the schools and colleges. The steering committee has completed the drafting of the Institute prospectus and a draft of the Institute bylaws.

PROJECT OUTCOMES

- Academics: Interdisciplinary research and education
- Operations & Policy: Campus as a 'Living Laboratory'
- Advocacy and Engagement: Engage surrounding communities for Local Action for Global Impact

AFFECTED METRICS



Metric	Metric Description	2021 Key Result
0.1	Percentage of courses that include sustainability learning outcomes encompassed by the SDGs.	All Villanova department and program offer sustainability learning opportunities.
0.2	Incentives for faculty across all disciplines to incorporate sustainability into existing courses or develop new sustainability courses.	Establish a fund for faculty incentives to incorporate sustainability in their courses.
0.4	Percentage of students who graduate from programs that have adopted at least one sustainability learning outcome.	
0.5	Percentage of research-producing departments that are engaged in sustainability research.	Develop plan to implement a sustainability research network.
9.4	Percentage of students and faculty actively engaged in research.	
17.1	University philanthropic contributions (hours) associated with advancing the UN SDGs.	