**VISION**

The Berkeley Food Institute (BFI) aims to catalyze transformative changes in food systems to ensure that all people have access to healthy, affordable food that is produced sustainably and equitably.

**MISSION**

BFI empowers new food and agriculture leaders with capacities to cultivate diverse, just, resilient, and healthy food systems.

**Core Programs**

BFI builds capacities and achieves impacts through five interdisciplinary programs:

- Education
- Research
- Policy
- Communications
- Community Engagement

BFI creates and supports linkages between these programs to achieve transformative change.

**Main Themes**

In 2015-19, BFI’s work focuses on three critical food system themes. We emphasize a holistic approach to address these pressing issues.

**BFI’S MAIN THEMES**

- **FOOD JUSTICE**
- **FAIR AND HEALTHY JOBS**
- **AGRO-ECOLOGY**

Within each theme, BFI seeks to:

**Promote Food Justice**, defined as equitable access to nutritious food

- Improve equity and health outcomes of food assistance programs
- Expand access to organic food
- Support urban agriculture opportunities

**Advance Fair and Healthy Jobs** in Food Systems

- Ensure fair and healthy working conditions within existing jobs
- Foster new jobs that build economic security for working families

**Accelerate the Adoption of Agroecology**

- Promote pollinator health through diversified farming systems and alternatives to pesticides
- Advance policies to promote and protect soil health

"By drawing upon Berkeley’s comprehensive excellence and commitment to public service, [the Berkeley Food Institute] is very well-positioned to effect meaningful change.”

UC Berkeley Chancellor
Nicholas Dirks
Partnerships and Beneficiaries

BFI coordinates cross-disciplinary work on food systems both inside and outside the university.

- BFI consists of a partnership between seven schools and colleges at UC Berkeley, as illustrated in the diagram below. The Institute has over 130 affiliated faculty and staff.
- BFI also collaborates with several entities at UC Berkeley including the Labor Occupational Health Program, Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society, Center for Responsible Business, Public Health Nutrition Program, Edible Education, Nutrition Policy Institute, the proposed Center for Urban Agroecology, and others.
- BFI provides numerous opportunities for student engagement.
- BFI interacts with food systems stakeholders including policymakers, non-government organizations, farmers, workers’ groups, media, food businesses, and the broader public.

Core Program Activities

Main projects and overlapping activities in BFI’s programs are:

EDUCATION
- Public educational events
- Stimulating cross-disciplinary food systems education
- Working groups: Food and Identity; Equity and Inclusion
- UC Global Food Initiative Experiential Learning Project

RESEARCH
- Faculty research incubator grants
- Hosting the Center For Diversified Farming Systems and Food Labor Research Center
- Visiting scholars

POLICY
- Policy training workshops for faculty
- Policy engagement symposia on BFI main themes
- Policy brief consultancy for students
- Communicating research to policymakers

COMMUNICATIONS
- Newsletter, website, media/social media, and presentations
- California Matters video series
- Communications training for faculty

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- Community Engagement/Leadership Fellowships in food access, public health, sustainable agriculture, and other strategic topics
- Urban agroecology and food justice training activities
- UC Global Food Initiative Fellowships