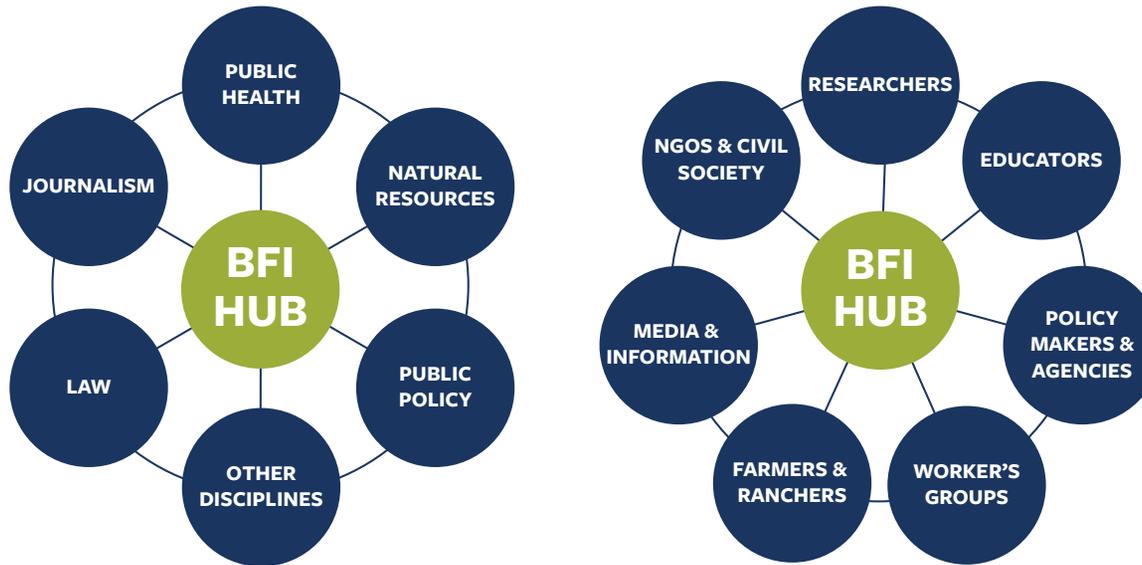


A Cross-Disciplinary Approach

The Berkeley Food Institute serves as a hub, facilitating communication among many groups and individuals, as illustrated here.



OUR ANNUAL ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **Innovative Research**, including seed grant funding for collaborative, interdisciplinary research projects on food systems by Berkeley faculty, extension specialists, and collaborators
- **Strategic Policy and Engagement** in areas where faculty and student work can make a difference in food systems in collaboration with partners and public agencies
- **Graduate Student Fellowship Program** and facilitating the development of an undergraduate **Food Systems Minor**
- **Food Exchange Series** and **Diversified Farming Systems Roundtable**, free public forums to foster cross-disciplinary engagement
- **Communication and Outreach** on food-related events, student opportunities, research findings, and policy news
- **Visiting Fellows Program** with luminaries who are actively engaged in initiatives affecting policy change in food systems
- Co-sponsoring the **UC Berkeley Edible Education** course that is open to students and the general public

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Main Strategies

The Berkeley Food Institute creates and supports linkages between research, education, policy, practice, and social movements that pertain to the Institute's mission.

Research: Conduct and support research that is: Interdisciplinary and innovative, participatory and collaborative, actionable and methodologically robust, and aimed to foster and strengthen sustainable and just food systems

Education: Develop unique educational opportunities to advance knowledge and problem-solving in this field

Policy: Foster connections between research and policy, to communicate relevant scientific information to policy makers and enable research to be effectively used by policy makers on critical issues in food systems

Practice/Community: Collaborate and engage with community initiatives and innovative practitioners and public campaigns to support diverse, just, resilient, and healthy food systems

Thematic Areas

BFI's affiliated faculty and staff are undertaking research and education in a wide range of issues related to food and agriculture. The following are the main interrelated themes in which BFI and UC Berkeley have outstanding capacities:

- Sustainable Agriculture and Ecosystems
- Society and Culture
- Economics and Business
- Policy and Justice



Health is recognized as a central thread, since food systems interact with health of individuals, society, the economy, farms, ecosystems, and the planet.

Mission & Vision

The Berkeley Food Institute works to catalyze and support transformative changes in food systems to promote diversity, justice, resilience, and health, from the local to the global.

BFI envisions a world in which nutritious, affordable food is available for all and is produced sustainably and fairly – ensuring healthy people and a healthy planet.

About Us

The College of Natural Resources, the Goldman School of Public Policy, the Graduate School of Journalism, Berkeley Law, and the School of Public Health at UC Berkeley joined together to develop the Berkeley Food Institute. BFI has over 100 affiliated faculty and staff on the UC Berkeley campus.

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