MISSION

The mission of the Women’s Global Health Institute (WGHI) at Purdue University is to improve the health of women globally through research and training by proactively identifying the causes and prevention of diseases related to women.

VISION

WGHI is changing the way women’s health throughout the lifespan is addressed by:

- Focusing on protecting and improving women’s health and well-being through prevention.
- Developing technologies to identify disease onset and progression.
- Designing interventions to prevent and reduce risk of women’s cancers, osteoporosis, alterations in cognitive function and reproductive issues.

RESEARCH AREAS

The Institute focuses on four core research areas:

- Wellness
- Bone Health
- Women’s Cancers
- Neurodegenerative Diseases

IMPACT AND OUTCOMES

The Institute is becoming a national model for comprehensive, integrated, interdisciplinary and coordinated research focused on chronic disease prevention on a global scale. Outcomes include:

- Strategies for improving women’s health around the world.
- Infrastructure to support research applying new technologies to optimize health and prevent disease.
- Provide training across disciplines for careers in women’s health research.

WHY PURDUE?

Purdue University has well-established infrastructure and research capacities to study disease prevention, develop biomedical technologies and engage local and global communities. The University also has particular strengths in development of diagnostic tools for breast cancer initiation and rapid screening methods for effective anti-bone loss interventions, plus a history of innovative education and translational research.

LEADERSHIP

- Connie Weaver, Ph.D., head and distinguished professor, Purdue University Department of Nutrition Science; deputy director, Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute.
- The Institute reports to the dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences and to the director of the Bindley Bioscience Center located in Purdue’s Discovery Park.
FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR PURDUE’S WOMEN GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE

Private philanthropy through endowments and annual gifts is needed to secure leadership, move research forward for the long-term, and sustain the center overall. In addition, partnerships with industry, foundations, government agencies and non-government organizations interested in improving women's health globally is needed.

Financial resources support the Institute's priorities through the following strategic functions:

- Pilot Research Grants (small grant for a new idea)
- Graduate Research Assistantships
- Core Research Grants (grant for analysis of an existing project)
- Sustainability Fund (operational support)

Endowments and annual gifts will support the strategic functions and the central work of the researchers in the Institute, as well as operational costs to sustain the Institute into the future.

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*Term naming opportunity is available for a four-year commitment of annual support.

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