The World Food Center is lifting to the global stage an unmatched portfolio of UC Davis resources:

- More than 400 scholars focused on food issues from across all four colleges
- 7,000 top-notch students excelling in food-related degree programs
- Top-ranking ag, health and veterinary medicine programs that have long brought critical UC Davis food and nutrition research to life
- 3,000 acres of a state of the art research environment

The World Food Center’s mission is straightforward: to elevate and enhance the excellence across UC Davis for greater societal impact on food and health. The center is:

- Serving as a focal point for deepening and broadening the university’s collaboration with partners.
- Convening leaders to shape strategy and policy.
- Connecting research to society and the marketplace.

UC Davis’ unique credentials give it the ability – like no other institution – to solve food and agricultural challenges, and serve as the hub for transformation, both locally and globally. UC Davis is the top-ranked university in the world for agriculture and veterinary medicine, and one of the top 10 public universities in the nation.

“A signature challenge of our time is how to feed and nourish a rapidly growing global population in an environmentally sustainable way.”

— Linda Katehi, UC Davis Chancellor

Our planet needs extraordinary agricultural advances to tackle complex hurdles: nutrition insecurity, obesity, water scarcity and a new world of changing climates.

Learn more about World Food Center activities today.
The World Food Center is reimagining the role of science in our lives and bridging agricultural, veterinary and health sciences in a way that’s never been done before. This while being a core initiative behind a powerhouse of food and health research—a public land-grant university steeped in more than a century of history.

To build healthier outcomes from the global food system
The center is bridging the gap between farm and health. Ending malnutrition—from hunger to obesity—requires better access and incentives for diverse and nutritious diets that support good health.

To grow California’s innovation economy
The center is fueling collaborative entrepreneurship. Headquartered in the world’s most diverse agricultural industry, the center is tapping into the nearby Silicon Valley ecosystem and rethinking our food systems.

“UC Davis’ extensive experience in this area shows what’s possible through discoveries and innovations applied in a real-world setting.”
—Karen Ross, Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture

“Now is the time to reach across academic disciplines and bridge the gaps between university scientists, farmers and businesses to work collaboratively to feed the world.”
—Roger Beachy, World Food Center Executive Director

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**Vision**

**Health**

- Calculating the economic costs of obesity and the burden on societies, in partnership with the Brookings Institution.
- Connecting agricultural investments to nutrition goals with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization.
- Guiding a Gates Foundation meeting toward new Grand Challenges initiatives.
- Launching a World Food Center branch with governments in China to enhance food safety.

**Sustainability**

- Shining a light on investment opportunities in food and agriculture technology with the Sacramento Area Technology Alliance.
- Shaping ideas into products by coaching winning UC Davis teams at the Culinary Institute of America’s Food Hackathon and similar initiatives.
- Exploring the public-private frontier with partnerships like the Innovation Institute for Food and Health between UC Davis and Mars Inc.

**Innovation**

- Inforamng global policy at the Climate Smart Agriculture conference alongside French research organizations.
- Hosting a global conference on water policy for food security and investment strategies.
- Building a case for sustainable agriculture by uniting thought leaders around a white paper to be presented at the World Food Prize event.

**Outreach**

- Training scientists with the Institute for Food and Agricultural Literacy, hosting journalists and the public in talks on fact-based outreach.
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