



Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions  
*breaking down barriers to environmental progress*



## About the Nicholas Institute

In the 21st century, the health of our environment – of oceans and freshwater, forests, the atmosphere, and diversity of species – will be critical to the health of our economies and the people on this planet.

The Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions of Duke University was founded in 2005 to help our leaders develop the paths to a healthy environmental future.

We bring to the table the extraordinary resources of one of the world's leading research institutions and the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences to help broker decisions that will create opportunity in solving the greatest environmental challenges today.

### To Consider

- **Solving climate change** presents challenges and opportunity in technology development, energy efficiency, trade and commerce, agriculture, and rainforest preservation.
- **Governing our oceans as ecosystems** could restore fish populations and endangered mammals, save taxpayer dollars, and encourage safe and prosperous coastal development.
- Ensuring **global fresh water** availability could relieve a growing source of geopolitical conflict that threatens to dwarf the competition over oil today.
- **Environmental markets** could restore diverse ecosystems by valuing natural services.

### The Nicholas Institute Brings

- The interdisciplinary research of Duke University faculty, focused on real world applications.
- Science-driven evaluations of policy risks and rewards, including biological/ecological, geological, economic, and sociological analyses.
- The political savvy of a staff and board familiar with both the legislative process and the highest levels of American business and government.
- Innovative, practical ideas for meeting complex challenges.
- "The capacity to serve as an honest broker to help break policy impasses."

**For policymakers. For business leaders. For non-profits. For journalists.**

## Our Projects

See [www.nicholas.duke.edu/institute](http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/institute) for a full list of our current projects.

### Developing carbon policy

- Economic analyses
  - Risks and opportunities across sectors
  - Ideas on international competition
- New sector engagement: farms and forests.
- Partnership with players: corporate and political.

### Improving oceans governance

- Visualizing our oceans as ecosystems and developing tools to map them.
- Analyzing regional approaches to ocean management.
- Making connections between inland activities and ocean health.

### Helping journalists

- Providing new research findings and analysis.
- Making new connections between beats.
- Educating editors.

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