

3.L Institutes and Centers

The University supports more than 100 centers and institutes, all of which have research, service, and in some cases, teaching missions, and are typically run by a director and an executive committee. As a general rule, institutes are separate administrative units reporting to a major University unit, whereas centers are units within a school or college or sometimes spanning several departments within a school or college. Many centers and institutes are established by the Regents on recommendation of the president ([Chapter VI. Schools and Colleges: Program Definitions](#) bylaw 6.03).

The Office of the Provost provides a [list of most centers and institutes](#) as well as material on [Best Practices for Centers and Institutes](#).