MISSION

The Rutland Institute for Ethics is dedicated to nurturing an ethical environment on and off the Clemson University campus. Focusing on practical and professional ethics, RIE is first a resource and a provider of ethics education at Clemson University, but it also works in several of the most important communities of life: businesses, the professions, government, and K-12 education, engaging with and learning from practitioners, which greatly enhances its work on campus.

VISION

The Rutland Institute for Ethics at Clemson University will be one of the nation’s premier ethics institutes, widely recognized and respected for its work both on and off the Clemson campus.

SIGNIFICANCE AND SCOPE OF THE INSTITUTE’S WORK

The students of today are the leaders of tomorrow. That’s why we work hard to help Clemson students understand that honor, integrity, and responsible ethical decision-making are the foundation for personal and professional success. It’s the reason that we work with them to develop the skills they need to deal with ethical issues in a systematic, reflective, and responsible way. Because RIE’s campus programs are linked to essential elements of Clemson’s mission, the impact of its programs will be felt wherever Clemson graduates are found. It is certain, then, that this impact will be far reaching, since Clemson graduates live and work across the country, indeed around the world.

AREAS OF STRATEGIC FOCUS

RIE has two broad areas of strategic focus both of which are informed by research and scholarship: Ethics Across the Campus and Ethics in the Communities of Life.