

DISCOVER THE POWER
of experiential learning.

THE RUTHERFOORD CENTER FOR EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

HOLLINS
UNIVERSITY

Put the liberal arts **INTO ACTION**

Beginning in your first year, the Rutherford Center for Experiential Learning engages you in real-world experiences outside the classroom that seek to grow your career potential.

- Immerse yourself in the language and culture of an international **study abroad** destination
- Receive valuable training and experience through a **nationwide internship placement** among top tier businesses and organizations
- Collaborate and work alongside a professor through our **undergraduate research** opportunities



Build your creative thinking and problem-solving abilities by observing, contemplating, understanding, and most of all, doing.

PREPARE FOR CAREER SUCCESS IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

The Rutherford Center's Career Development and Life Design program links you with on-the-ground experience and skills development in a professional setting.

- Test-drive a career and gain valuable know-how, even as a first year, through our **First-Year Roanoke Valley Internship Program**
- Hollins' **Signature Internship Program** offers placement in major U.S. cities, all of which are alumnae connected. You receive housing, a stipend, and extensive career development.

CONDUCT RESEARCH in a variety of fields

Hands-on research and discovery, as well as collaborating with professors and classmates, are integral to the learning experiences at Hollins.

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE

Reaching across all disciplines, the Rutherford Center offers you ample undergraduate research opportunities:

- Annual science seminar
- Senior research thesis or final project
- **Summer Research Fellows Program**
- Paid research experience at neighboring institutions
- Focused research opportunities during the month of January

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NATASHA BESTROM '18 led authorship of a Hollins study on coral populations in the U.S. Virgin Islands, published in a peer-reviewed journal



“Learning from one another is a constant. It’s great to be in a place where people aren’t afraid to say, ‘I don’t know, but let’s ask someone who may know and try figuring out this problem by moving through different avenues.’ That’s what it’s really all about. That’s the most exciting part.”



79% of graduates from the class of 2020 completed one or more internships, while 50% completed two or more internships

Enhance your GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



Recognizing and respecting values, attitudes, and beliefs across cultures are essential tools in the 21st century, and one of the most effective ways to build cultural competency is by studying abroad.

The Rutherford Center offers study programs in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, the Caribbean, and Europe.

- All students, regardless of major, are eligible to participate
- You can study abroad for a full semester, during January Short Term, or as part of your summer break

57% of our undergraduates enjoy an international experience

20 destinations around the world



91% of students engage in study abroad, internships, or significant leadership

Overcome real-life challenges THROUGH LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Thanks, in part, to the foundational leadership skills Hanna gained from BLI, she will pursue a Master of Public Health degree at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Hollins’ Batten Leadership Institute equips you to be a successful leader through essential skill-building in areas such as:

- negotiation tactics
- active listening
- executive decision-making
- focused discussion facilitation
- team project design and execution

Students work collaboratively in a supportive and dynamic environment where experimentation with ideas is encouraged.

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HANNA DeVARONA '21, a business major and one of Hollins’ most accomplished student-athletes, obtained a certificate in leadership studies from the Batten Leadership Institute

ABOUT THE RUTHERFOORD CENTER

Made possible by the generosity of Jean Hall Rutherford, Hollins class of 1974, and her husband, Thomas D. Rutherford Jr., the Rutherford Center builds upon the university’s strong foundation of experiential learning. Through its programs, students acquire the experience necessary to thrive in both professional and educational settings after earning their undergraduate degrees. **Learn more at hollins.edu/rutherfordcenter.**



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Best Alumni Network in the Country

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Best Schools for Internships