

# **The Williams CDE** Fulfilling a Mission since 1960

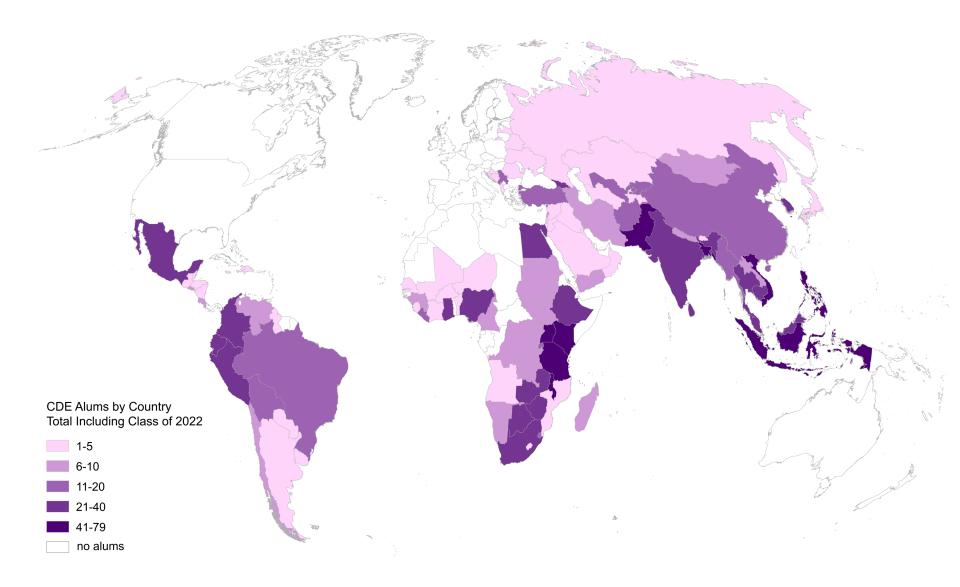
## The CDE in Brief

- Mission To improve economic policy analysis in developing nations and to bring the world to Williams.
- 10 month master's degree in economics (public sector focus). CDE Fellows come on professional leave and return to their home countries for policy positions.
- Trained about 20 per year formerly, now closer to 30 fellows. Added 16 semester courses in 2021-22 and 3 Winter Study courses to the Williams curriculum (8 originally).
- Why here? Williams economics faculty saw role for a liberal arts approach to training future leaders critical thinking, flexible application of economic concepts, use of evidence, and formulation of arguments in writing.

### **CDE Program of Study**

- August
  - Orientation, intensive review (micro, macro, stats)
- Fall semester
  - Core courses (economic growth, public economics, macro, and econometrics)
- January (Winter Study)
  - One elective, but a *graded course*
- Spring semester
  - Three electives plus one writing-intensive course, usually a tutorial
- June
  - Graduate and return home

#### CDE Alumni Around the World



# Impact of the CDE

- Two former Prime Ministers, two deputy PMs, various MP's and Ambassadors
- At least 23 Ministers, 42 Deputy Ministers
- 8 Central Bank Governors, 12+ Deputy Governors
- Dozens of secretaries, permanent secretaries, department heads, directors, and advisors to the above.
- Most CDE grads engage in policy roles promptly.

### **CDE Timeline and Turnaround**

### 1960s, 70s, and 80s

Exciting start with support from Ford Foundation and US foreign aid

### <u>1990s</u>

Annual US foreign aid funding ended, limiting CDE ability to contribute on campus and off

### 2000-2010

CDE Visiting Committee brought long-term thinking and ownership Successful bridge funding while endowment building underway

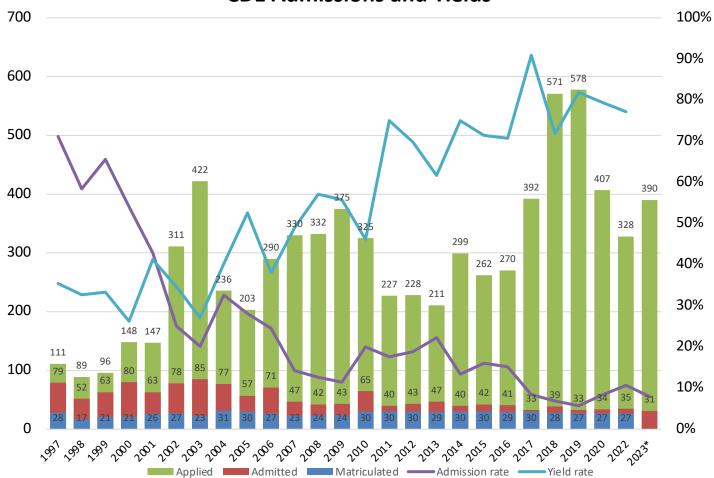
### Since Raising an Endowment

Need-blind admissions for CDE

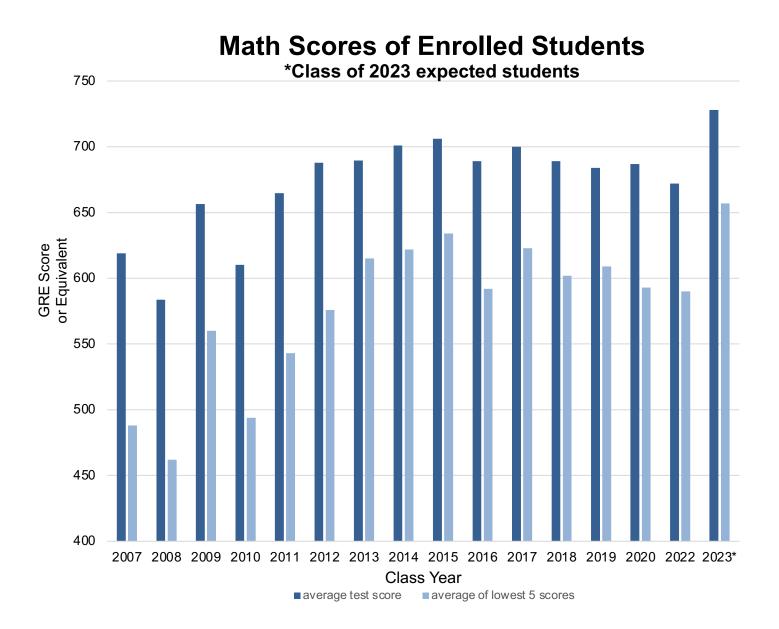
Greater admissions selectivity

More targeting on selected countries for greater value-added

Increased # of CDE courses, so more undergraduate participation

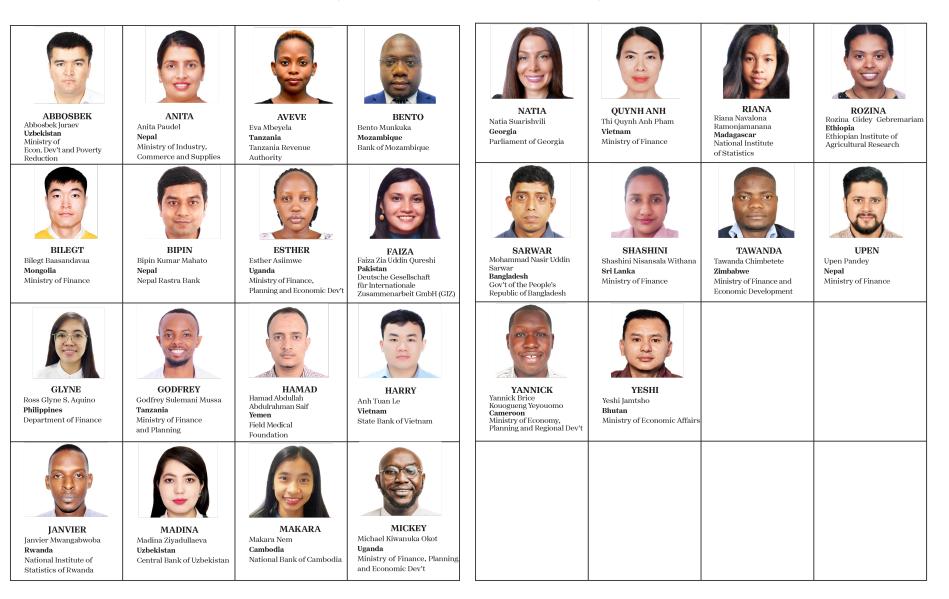


**CDE Admissions and Yields** 



#### **Center for Development Economics - Class of 2022-2023**

(alphabetical order by first name)

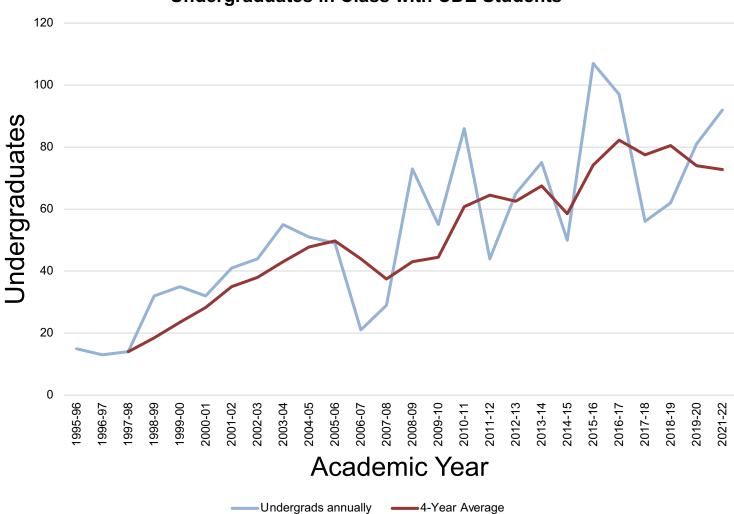


## **CDE Financial Summary**

- •CDE Endowment Now similar on a per student basis to the overall Williams endowment.
- •Annual program no cash flow deficit for more than 10 years.
- •Building project Fundraising and construction fully completed.

# With Williams Undergrads

- In courses Before 2011, maximum of @50 with fewer CDE courses. Since 2015, average closer to 80 per year.
- Last year 94 undergrads in CDE funded courses.
- CDE talks and events Normally, one or more non-course opportunities per month, though fewer during CDE construction and Covid. Highlight this year was conference on "Finance and Development"
- Improved CDE premises enable CDE to host events and to provide space for informal collaboration.



**Undergraduates in Class with CDE Students** 

Undergrads annually

# CDE Class of 2023

- •390 applications for 2023 vs 328 for 2021 and 407 for 2020.
- •66% of applications from Africa. 33% of applications from women.
- •CDE testing 238 individuals tested in 41 countries. Challenging with Covid surges.
- •After application screening and testing, then vetting with Zoom interviews and CDE Alumni queries.
- Short list of 60 identified for meeting of 8 faculty and 3 staff to make decisions.

