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## *JCOTS Announces Strategic Partnership with William & Mary*

Richmond, VA — The Joint Commission on Technology and Science (JCOTS) is pleased to announce a new three-year strategic partnership with William & Mary, one of Virginia's premier public research universities. This collaboration aims to strengthen the Commission's research capabilities and expand opportunities for academic engagement in the legislative process.

Through this partnership, JCOTS will gain access to a range of William & Mary resources, including its world-class library and research services, which will enhance the Commission's ability to conduct in-depth analysis of science and technology policy issues. In addition, JCOTS will host William & Mary students as summer interns, providing them with direct experience in public policy and valuable insights into the legislative process. "This partnership with JCOTS underscores William & Mary's commitment to innovative research that benefits the communities around us," said W&M Provost and Chief Academic Officer Peggy Agouris. "In alignment with the university's recent designation as an R1 institution, collaborating with JCOTS will provide incredible opportunities for students to engage in hands-on experiential learning, contribute to cutting-edge projects and shape the future of their industries."

As a key feature of the partnership, JCOTS will also host a research symposium on William & Mary's campus in the spring of 2026. The symposium will bring together legislators, scholars, students, and subject matter experts to explore emerging technology trends and foster collaborative dialogue. "This partnership with William & Mary represents an exciting step forward for JCOTS and reflects our deep commitment to bridging the gap between academic innovation and legislative action," said Delegate Cliff Hayes, Chairman of JCOTS.

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