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As director of the Center for Excellence in Post-Harvest Technologies, he has been responsible for managing a research center that has grown to over 40 research scientists, support staff and students. This growth has been spurred by the center's ability to secure extramural funding and establish global partnerships with industry and academia. Dr. Williams is currently a member of Institute of Food Technologist (IFT), American Society for Microbiology (ASM) and International Association for Food Protection (IAFP).

Dr. Williams received his bachelor's and master's degrees in biological sciences and animal science, respectively from North Carolina A&T State University, PhD in food science and technology, specializing in microbiology and immunochemistry from Alabama A&M University, and his MBA from Wake Forest University School of Business.