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Education:

- BA, political science, University of Delaware
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Bio:

Roland Wall leads the work of the Academy of Natural Sciences in environmental research and management, including day-to-day oversight of eight operational sections, strategy development and implementation, and integration of environmental research with broader Academy goals.

Wall has worked in a variety of positions since he started as a science writer in 1999. He developed and managed the Academy Town Square program and led the institution's involvement in the Urban Sustainability Forum. In 2007, he initiated the Center for Environmental Policy, spearheading the Academy's involvement in policy and sustainability issues. Serving on the Academy's Senior Management Committee, he was part of the team that coordinated the integration with Drexel University.

In 2012, he headed the Academy's involvement in the William Penn Foundation's watershed protection planning, resulting in the launch of the Delaware River Watershed Initiative. He leads the Academy's interdisciplinary team that serves as the science lead for the DRWI, including planning, monitoring and evaluation. He oversees sustainability planning at the Academy and develops new models for the Academy's environmental work

In 2017, he became director of the Patrick Center for Environmental Research and holds the Academy Chair for Environmental Initiatives. Wall teaches introductory environmental science in Drexel's Department of Biodiversity, Earth and Environmental Science. His academic interests include urban ecology and coupled human/natural systems.