



POLICY LAB FELLOWSHIP 2020-2021

The MPP trains students to make a difference in New Mexico by bringing creativity, critical thinking, data analysis, and an appreciation for historical and community context to bear on critical issues facing the state.

In the Policy Lab, students receive extracurricular training by applying the models, knowledge and skills from the MPP's academic program to local policy projects.

In our pilot last year, students provided feedback on a community organization's policy position paper, analyzed data from a community school's needs assessment, and supported a Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) evaluation of New Mexico's foster care system by extracting statistics from a national foster care data set.

In 2020-2021, student will engage with three types of projects:

- Ongoing partnership with the Legislative Finance Committee
- Quick turnaround services for non-profits and other government agencies consisting of review of policy proposals, consultation on data collection tools, and data analysis.
- Policy briefs on local issues

The MPP director will support students in collecting, managing and analyzing data, using statistical software packages, professional writing and communication, and other related skills.

The Fellowship requires attendance in a 2-hour weekly workshop on Fridays from 10:30am to 12:30pm, and an additional 2-3 hours per week on project tasks.

The Fellowship covers 3 credit hours of tuition and fees for the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters, for a total of 6 credit hours for the academic year. Students must enroll in 6 or more credit hours each semester and remain in good academic standing in the program. Payment in the Spring semester is contingent on satisfactory performance in the Lab during the Fall semester. Subject to availability of funds and satisfactory performance, the Fellowship is renewable for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Fellowships are restricted to MPP students.

To apply for the Fellowship, send an email expressing interest to Melissa Binder with the subject line: "Policy Lab Fellowship."