

Mission

It is the mission of the Institute for Public Affairs to contribute to social and economic progress, governmental effectiveness, and educational excellence by conducting public affairs research, analysis, service, communication and education activities, and through partnerships in the public and not-for-profit sectors.

With a primary emphasis on state government and public service delivery systems, the institute seeks to foster governmental responsiveness and accountability and to help build the capacity of governmental entities for developing and implementing effective policies, programs, and services.

Goals of the Institute

Goal 1:

Become a state leader in policy studies and program evaluation.

Goal 2:

Diversify the funding base of the institute and its units.

Goal 3:

Make citizen education a major focus of the institute.

Goal 4:

Enhance the economic and social well-being of the communities surrounding the campus by taking a leadership role in the identification and solution of problems, providing forums for the discussion of ideas, and implementing responsive public service projects and activities.

Goal 5:

Strengthen the human resources base of the institute through professional development activities and liaison activities on campus.

Goal 6:

Enhance the institute's state and local government training capacity.

Goal 7:

Strengthen the identity of the institute internally and externally.

Goal 8:

Expand internship opportunities to other employment sectors.

Goal 9:

Maximize the use of advanced technology in delivery of the services the institute provides.