Our Mission

Given the unique public affairs focus and location of the UIS campus in the Illinois state capital, the Institute for Public Affairs identifies and addresses issues of public policy, promotes governmental effectiveness, engages in citizen education, and contributes to the dialogue on matters of significant public concern. With an emphasis on state government and the communities surrounding the campus, the Institute works in partnership with government, citizens, and the nonprofit sector to mobilize the expertise of faculty, staff, and students for public sector research and service.

Our Vision

By the year 2005, the Institute for Public Affairs will be a major participant in shaping public policies, improving governmental effectiveness, and developing the competence of citizens and the capacity of communities for democratic governance in Illinois. Its activities will include public affairs research, analysis, training, and technical assistance, producing results that are relevant, accurate, and credible.

Our Objectives

In order to achieve its mission and vision, the Institute has set a number of performance objectives, including the following:

- To advise opinion leaders on public policy issues.
- To provide faculty and staff research, scholarship, services, and products that meet the highest professional and academic standards and are recognized regionally, statewide, and nationally.
- To disseminate faculty and staff research, scholarship, services, and products to public officials, practitioners, scholars, and citizens regionally, statewide, and nationally using state-of-the art technology, the services of Institute media units, and other outlets.
- To maintain ongoing involvement with citizen and civic education activities.
- To hold ourselves accountable and be responsive to the constituents we serve.