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**Earning Potential with a Public Policy Degree**

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Based on national averages. Higher earning potential with advanced degrees. (PayScale National College Salary Report, 2017)

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**Get the Competitive Edge with Undergraduate Research**

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SPP Faculty

**CASSANDRA GUARINO**
Professor of Education and Public Policy
- Studies teacher quality, value-added, labor markets, school choice, health and education
- Led a study that shows women faculty take on more internal service work than their male colleagues

**KARTHICK RAMAKRISHNAN**
Associate Dean, School of Public Policy
Professor of Public Policy and Political Science
- Focuses on the ways in which immigrants are involved in American democracy
- Serves as Director of UCR's Immigration Research Group and the National Asian American American Survey

Success Programs

Every program is designed to help you succeed – from the moment you first step on campus to the day you graduate.

**Domestic or International Policy Practicum**
(For third- and fourth-year students)
Participate in paid or voluntary internships with a government agency, nonprofit/for-profit organization, trade association, labor/labor union or public affairs firm.

**Interdisciplinary Coursework**
(For third- and fourth-year students)
Public Policy coursework is interdisciplinary. Select courses from 12 departments: Anthropology, Economics, Environmental Sciences, Ethnic Studies, Film and Visual Culture, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology and Women's Studies.

**Public Policy Seminar/Colloquia**
(For third- and fourth-year students)
Attend public lectures by policy makers and non-UCR administrators and researchers from organizations, such as the Center for Sustainable Suburban Development (CSSD), the Presley Center for Crime & Justice Studies, One Health Center and Policy Matters. Topics include current issues facing the Inland Empire and our global community.

**SPP Student Ambassador Program**
Become a peer mentor and represent SPP at various events. Take part in self-development and networking opportunities. Applications accepted during winter quarter.

SPP Scholarships

SPP offers the Public Policy Scholarship (for Public Policy Majors) and the Western Municipal Water District Scholarship (for third- or fourth-year students from western Riverside County): spp.ucr.edu/scholarships.html

Fellowship Programs

Develop professional skills, boost your resume and get paid with a SPP fellowship. spp.ucr.edu/fellowship_programs.html

Undergraduate Research

Explore an extraordinary range of research opportunities at the SPP’s partner agencies. We’ll help you find the right fit for your academic and professional goals!

“I came to UCR’s School of Public Policy because students actively engage in hands-on experiences on and off campus.”

**Lizzette Capul**
Transferred from Riverside City College
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CASSIE NGUYEN '15 AND '17 (BA and Master of Public Policy)
• Executive Director, Spotlight On Hope Film Camp (SOH) at Think Ten Media Group
• SPP Dean's Student Ambassador
• Fellow, Randall Lewis Health Policy Fellowship
• Ambassador, the American Cancer Society and the National Brain Tumor Society
• Recipient, the Donald A. Strauss Public Service Scholarship ($10,000)

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• Member of the Community OUTReach Program through UCR's LGBT Resource Center
• Participant, LGBTQ+ student organizations and panels

DAVID ANGEL, (Second-Year, Public Policy)
• Peer Mentorship Chair for the SPP Dean's Student Ambassadors
• Intern, California State Senator Ed Hernandez and Congresswoman Norma Torres
• Assembly District Delegate representing CA Assembly District 52 at the 2017 and 2018 CA Democratic Conventions

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Career Resources

SPP’s Career Counselor and Internship Coordinator offers career success advising to all Public Policy undergraduates.

Also UCR’s Career Center – and Virtual Career Center – offers full-service counseling and resources, regardless of major or class level. Includes:

• Career and graduate/professional school planning
• Job/internship search strategies and database
• Skill-building workshops, employer information sessions and panel discussions
• 11 fairs, including the Internship and Nonprofit Job Fair and the Spring Job Fair: Career Night

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Engage with Influential Policy Makers

The SPP invites policy makers, such as Gavin Newsom (Lieutenant Governor), to connect with and inspire SPP students.

#7 public research university in the nation to produce important research while extending social opportunity to students from underprivileged backgrounds. (Brookings Institute, 2017)


Top 12% best public universities by salary potential. (PayScale, 2017)

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