

CHALLENGES FACING ORGANIZATIONS:

**WHAT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST?
HOW CAN IT BEST BE SERVED?**



For more than 15 years, students at UCLA's Department of Public Policy have helped organizations answer these questions through Applied Policy Projects (APPs).

APPLIED POLICY PROJECTS

APPs are year-long research projects that serve as master's theses. In the APP, a team of three to four Public Policy students works closely with a client to identify a policy problem and then informs a strategic decision or prescribes a course of action based on rigorous analysis. The team collects and evaluates key information, considers alternative solutions, and provides a detailed recommendation that fits the client's mission and capabilities.



APPs help a wide range of clients whose work promotes the public interest. These include local, state and federal government agencies; domestic and international non-profits; universities; and for-profit enterprises. Clients gain professional-level policy analysis while students gain valuable experience putting their analytic skills into action.

Past projects include

Fixing the Appeals Process at the Department of Veterans Affairs

Client: Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America

Chumash Educational Initiatives

Client: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians

Clean Technology in Los Angeles

Client: Office of the Mayor of Los Angeles

Eyes in the Sky: Implementing Unmanned Aircraft

Client: Los Angeles Police Department

