Shaping the Climate of Ideas

Knowledge and engagement at the Bennett School

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How can research and engagement shape policy problems? In complex environments, shaping policy requires strong relationships and sustained, question-driven inquiry. Through internal mapping and researcher interviews, we examined how knowledge is generated, shared and applied at the Bennett School of Public Policy.

Generating Knowledge

Cumulative Assets. We view knowledge as a long-term resource, not just discrete findings.

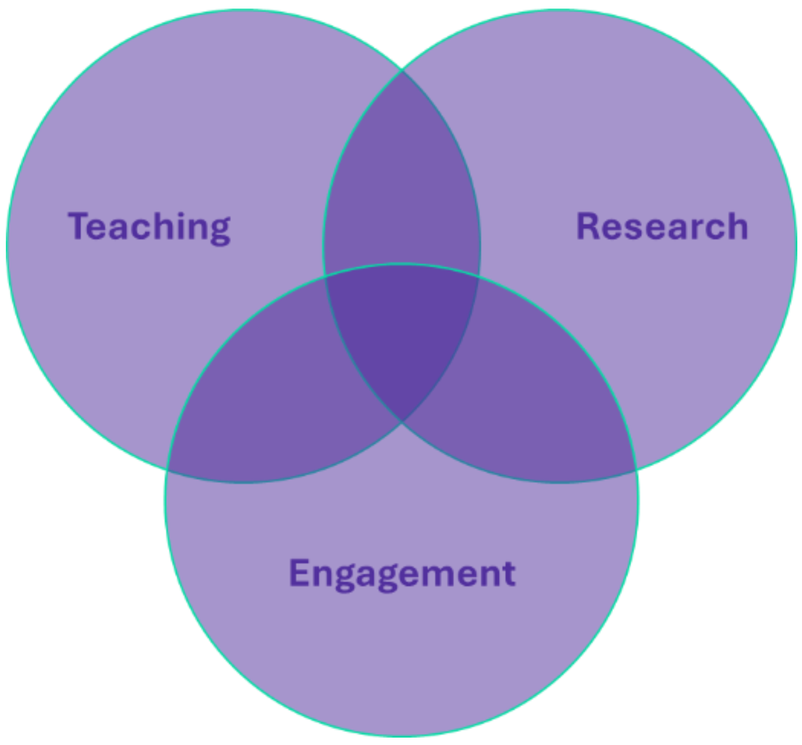
Foundational Focus. We often look beneath the surface, exploring the systems, infrastructure, institutions, and metrics, that define policy problems.

Question-Driven Research. Our methodology is fluid and interdisciplinary, driven by the question rather than the field.

Sharing knowledge

Research, teaching, and engagement are not separate pillars, but **work together to build our knowledge base.**

This integration leads to **impact**, which we see as an **iterative and ongoing process**.



Applying Knowledge

Navigating Friction. We engage with the inescapable trade-offs and competing values of policy. We work within the reality of uncertainty.

Contextual Knowledge. We research alongside civil society, industry, and communities. We focus on those living with the consequences of policy decisions.

The Climate of Ideas. We want to push the conversation forward, with accessible and ambitious questions, and answers.

Join the conversation

This scoping is an ongoing process. We invite you to engage with us as we continue to explore what works best for knowledge and engagement.

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