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ON A MISSION TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR PEOPLE AND THEIR COMMUNITIES, HERE AND ABROAD.

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The USC Sol Price School of Public Policy meets its mission by advancing three guiding pillars: make government and civil society more effective, plan and develop sustainable cities, and forge solutions through policy change and implementation. Year after year, these crucial goals inspire research, education and connection among Price School faculty, students and alumni worldwide.
For more than 90 years, the USC Sol Price School of Public Policy has been on a mission. A mission to promote big ideas backed by data-driven scholarship. A mission to bring people together to chart better ways forward. A mission to make a difference.

From environmental sustainability and opioid addiction to housing insecurity and voter engagement, seemingly intractable issues must be addressed by evidence-based research and collaborative solutions that lead to effective action. The answers to these pressing concerns cannot be discovered without education — for the students we train to the highest standards, for the public we serve and for the policymakers who depend on our findings to devise optimal decisions. And since we live in an increasingly global world, we must connect with international colleagues to foster meaningful advances for our collective challenges.

In 1929, when USC heeded calls from civic officials to launch a school with a mission to advance public service, the result was a pioneering institution. Nine decades later, we remain so. The world has changed enormously in that time, and our school has grown to keep pace with changing societal needs. But our mission to improve the quality of life for people and their communities, here and abroad, remains steadfast. USC Price helped invent modern public policy — and our research, education and global connections continue shaping the field.

Our faculty, students and alumni represent a multitude of interconnected disciplines and their own individual missions but share a passion for making the world a better place. We invite you to join our mission — and tell us about yours, so that we can find new solutions together.

Sincerely,

Jack H. Knott, Dean
C. Erwin and Ione L. Piper Chair and Professor
USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
“I often find myself reflecting on the enormous courage, dedication and resolve of all Price School students, alumni and faculty to tackle the multifaceted and often intractable problems that we currently face in the world.”

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1: USC Price students and community members participate in the Safe Communities Institute “Game Changer” collaborative event, which used sporting events and moderated discussions to build common ground among members of law enforcement and the community. 2: Panelists discuss career opportunities and challenges at the annual Women in Real Estate Luncheon. 3: Dean Jack Knott meets with alumni at the Price 90th Anniversary event in Beijing. 4: Students at the USC Price School and the USC School of Dramatic Arts perform a play they created to educate audiences about the prison system and restorative justice. 5: USC Price School’s annual Students of Color and Allies Policy Forum focuses on immigration and belonging beyond borders. 6: Bill Ford of Ford Motor Company joins USC Price transportation students at the City of Tomorrow Symposium. 7: Local leaders gather for the 2019 Southern California Symposium, an executive education event, hosted by the USC Price Center for Social Innovation. 8: Dean Jack Knott and USC Vice President for Strategic and Global Initiatives Anthony Bailey sign MOU’s with the National School for Public Administration in Brazil and the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education in Mexico to enhance relations and research opportunities.
Through evidence-based inquiry, the USC Price School pursues solutions to urgent challenges facing communities locally, nationally and worldwide.

Meaningful research drives much of what we do and who we are. Our scholars work to foster a better world through boundary-breaking research that catalyzes innovative answers to contemporary problems, while anticipating those of the future.

Price research is renowned both for its capacity to focus expertise from multiple fields on specific issues and its depth of contributions to each area. Time and again, this interdisciplinary dedication has proved pivotal to crafting real-world solutions and improving quality of life for people around the globe.

Today, the school emphasizes governance, urban development and policy, with 14 interdisciplinary research centers and six primary fields of study: public management, public policy, nonprofit leadership, health policy and management, urban planning and real estate development. Price expertise spans the public, nonprofit and private sectors, with impact that is mission-driven and global.
Growing evidence shows the urgency of addressing climate change, yet the federal government continues trying to reverse regulations aimed at offsetting its potentially catastrophic effects. In this atmosphere of political denial and partisan gridlock, Antonio Bento’s research continues growing in prominence for its objective analysis of the costs, benefits and distributional impacts of climate change policy.

A recent Bento study, published in Science, detailed how the current presidential administration’s proposal to roll back fuel economy standards stood on a foundation of misread data and mistaken assumptions. The state of California is using this research as a centerpiece of its argument for keeping these standards in place.

Based on his body of work, Bento’s expertise has been called upon by state and regional initiatives for climate action. He also served as an advisor for the Los Angeles mayor’s “Green New Deal” initiative, suggesting feasible targets for increased fuel economy and the electrification of transportation.

"I’m on a mission to develop solutions for a sustainable and equitable future."
“I’m on a mission to curb inappropriate prescribing through simple and inexpensive strategies — grounded in scientific insights about human behavior — that have promise in addressing public health problems.”

JASON DOCTOR, Ph.D.
Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management
Director of Health Informatics, Schaeffer Center for Health Policy & Economics

Saving Lives Through Physician Interventions
Two-thirds of American drug overdose deaths involve opioids — nearly half of which are prescribed by physicians. Noting that clinicians often never learn of patients’ deaths from overdoses, Jason Doctor developed a simple intervention to curtail inappropriate prescriptions. Half of physicians participating in his study received letters informing them whenever a patient suffered a fatal overdose.

Within three months, physicians’ opioid prescribing decreased by nearly 10%. In addition, they were 7% less likely to start a new patient on opioids and less likely to prescribe higher doses. No other intervention has had such a broad impact on prescribing opioids to date.

Following the study’s publication in Science, agencies across the country reached out to Doctor on how to implement this notification nudge. The state of Kentucky, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the Massachusetts attorney general and the Philadelphia Department of Health are already employing it.
Inequality continues to permeate American society, whether through disparities in education or differences in household responsibility. Christine Beckman is on a mission to combat some of today’s most pressing issues, focusing particularly on how organizations can both reduce and exacerbate inequality.

Beckman is known for her research on social innovation, organizational learning, interorganizational networks and entrepreneurship. Some of her recent work includes understanding disparities in education, where she has studied the emergence of charter schools as an experimental tool to improve opportunities for low-achieving students.

In a forthcoming book, “Dreams of the Overworked: Living, Working and Parenting in the Digital Age,” Beckman and co-author Melissa Mazmanian explore the realities of daily life for nine families. Each story showcases the impossible expectations of work and home — amplified by smart devices and supported by retired in-laws, friendly neighbors, spouses and paid help. Impossible expectations of individual accomplishment serve as the foundation for people’s dreams, and others scaffold their efforts and enable them to feel successful. Alongside celebrating people’s support systems, the book recognizes that this much-needed help is often provided by women. Making this work visible and valued in organizations, communities, families and public policies is necessary for reducing gender inequality.

“I am on a mission to reduce educational and gender inequality.”
GENEVIEVE GIULIANO, Ph.D.
Ferraro Chair in Effective Local Government
Director of METRANS

Easing the Mobility of People and Goods

Whether for people or products, effective transportation is crucial to individual, national and international economies. The research of Genevieve Giuliano focuses on practical, environmentally sustainable solutions to urban mobility challenges. This includes applying her expertise in social work to strategies improving transit access for disadvantaged populations.

She also directs the METRANS Transportation Center, a multi-institutional initiative intersecting engineering with public policy to address such issues through the lenses of security, climate, freight movement and workforce development. The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded Giuliano and METRANS a $12.5 million grant to widen the impact of this work by heading the Pacific Southwest Region University Transportation Center, a multi-university partnership covering California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii and the Pacific Island territories.

The U.S. and California departments of transportation have called upon Giuliano for advice, and her counsel has led to numerous state transportation departments incorporating global climate change impacts into planning and infrastructure assessments.

“"I’m on a mission to develop innovative, data-driven strategies for increasing the efficiency of our entire transportation system, while also making it more environmentally sustainable.""
USC Price faculty’s research and teaching priorities are often driven by topics that are meaningful to them. Learn more about how our faculty are on a mission to inspire powerful advancements in their fields.

MINDY ROMERO, Ph.D.
Research Assistant Professor
Founder and Director, California Civic Engagement Project
Mindy Romero founded the nonpartisan California Civic Engagement Project (CCEP), which helps enhance civic participation, studies the intersection between race, age and political behavior, and informs public dialogue about representative governance. CCEP also created “The Power of the Youth Vote,” a course designed to help high school students understand the power of voting.

“I’m on a mission to help bring about greater representation in our democracy. Every community should have a strong voice, leading to improved social and economic quality of life.”

GARY PAINTER, Ph.D.
Professor
Director, USC Sol Price Center for Social Innovation
Director, Homelessness Policy Research Institute
Nearly 19 million U.S. individuals and families pay more than half their income to keep a roof over their heads. As rents skyrocket, housing insecurity can quickly turn into homelessness. Gary Painter is researching and developing new models of collaboration across disciplines and agencies to address this vital issue.

“I’m on a mission to devise novel solutions to persistent societal problems through social innovation.”

LAVONNA LEWIS, Ph.D.
Professor of Public Policy
Associate Dean of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
LaVonna Lewis has a body of work consistently focused on cultural competency, racial disparities, and the health status and needs of underrepresented groups. With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, she is involved in a community-based project that explores individual, organizational, and community support for (and barriers to) healthy living.

“I’m on a mission to advance social justice through equity in health and education.”

WILLIAM RESH, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Bill Resh developed a “prosocial implicit association test” that measures what motivates public-sector and nonprofit staff to go above and beyond. This research explores whether “mission match” can motivate and increase public servants’ productivity, while helping agencies find employees who can most effectively meet civic needs while avoiding burnout. In fact, findings show that a person’s connection to mission is a much stronger indicator than self-sacrifice when it comes to persistence.

“I’m on a mission to improve organizational behavior to benefit not only the organization but also society as a whole.”

LISA SCHWEITZER, Ph.D.
Professor
Lisa Schweitzer focuses on big picture questions related to social justice, public policy and urban planning. She studies how neighborhoods and communities can flourish through effective urban planning as well as how space and geography unite us — despite cultural, social and generational differences. She also examines how federal, state and municipal policies, particularly social welfare policies, can affect individual neighborhoods.

“I’m on a mission to incorporate social justice into urban planning and policy.”

ERROLL SOUTHERS, DPPD
Professor of the Practice in National & Homeland Security
Director, Safe Communities Institute
Director, Homegrown Violent Extremism Studies
Erroll Southers’ seminal book, “Homegrown Violent Extremism,” emphasizes community-based approaches to preventing violence. He is also co-principal investigator on a National Science Foundation–funded project using virtual reality to simulate and realistically measure responses to mass shootings. Insights garnered through the project aim to improve preparedness and response, and ultimately save lives.

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RESEARCH CENTERS

JUDITH AND JOHN BEDROSIAN CENTER ON GOVERNANCE AND THE PUBLIC ENTERPRISE is dedicated to understanding and fostering effective democratic governance as an essential component in ensuring the betterment of communities.
bedrosian.usc.edu

USC CENTER FOR RISK AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF TERRORISM EVENTS (CREATE) enhances national security by forging models and tools for the analysis of the risks, costs and impacts of terrorism, as well as for implementing reasonable investments in homeland security.
create.usc.edu

USC LEONARD D. SCHAEFFER CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY & ECONOMICS uses evidence to challenge assumptions, advance policy and reshape health care by promoting health and value in health care delivery in the United States and internationally.
healthpolicy.usc.edu

THE CENTER ON PHILANTHROPY AND PUBLIC POLICY promotes more effective philanthropy and strengthens the nonprofit sector to advance community problem solving through research and communicating findings to philanthropic decision makers, policymakers and their partners.
cppp.usc.edu

THE CALIFORNIA CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECT at the USC Sacramento Center conducts research to inform policy and on-the-ground efforts for a more engaged and representative democracy, improving the social and economic quality of life in communities.
cccep.usc.edu

NEELY CENTER FOR ETHICAL LEADERSHIP AND DECISION MAKING (DECIDE) aims to enhance the scholarship and education of decision analysis and increase sensitivity toward ethical considerations in academia, industry, government and society, emphasizing large-scale social problems and technology.
deceive.usc.edu

USC SCHWARZENEGGER INSTITUTE FOR STATE AND GLOBAL POLICY focuses on leaders’ responsibility to implement policies that most benefit the people they serve. The institute develops real-world, post-partisan and sustainable solutions in five priority areas: education, energy and environment, fiscal and economic policy, health and human wellness and political reform.
www.schwarzeneggerinstitute.com

USC SOL PRICE SCHOOL SAFE COMMUNITIES INSTITUTE (SCI) engages in research, interdisciplinary education and collaboration to advance sustainable public safety strategies, policies and programs. SCI provides a 21st century approach to public safety by adopting a multidisciplinary “whole-of-community” methodology, which informs its educational programs, research projects and community engagement efforts.
sci.usc.edu

CENTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT assists sustainable local economic development organizations by providing technical assistance and training services for organizations to help develop community capacity.
ced.usc.edu

USC LUSK CENTER FOR REAL ESTATE is dedicated to expanding real estate knowledge, enlightening business practice and confronting challenges that impact the real estate industry, the urban economy and public policy.
lusk.usc.edu

METRANS TRANSPORTATION CENTER seeks to solve transportation problems of large metropolitan areas through multidisciplinary research, education and outreach.
metrans.org

USC CENTER FOR SUSTAINABILITY SOLUTIONS brings together groups of interdisciplinary scholars and collaborates globally to establish a new economic paradigm that protects the environment, promotes economic development and fosters social justice.
sustainabilitysolutions.usc.edu

POPULATION DYNAMICS RESEARCH GROUP uses multiple data sources, including the self-produced Demographic Futures projections, to uncover demographic trends driving major changes in society and provide insights leading to effective policies.
popdynamics.usc.edu

USC SOL PRICE CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION develops ideas and illuminates strategies to improve the quality of life for people in low-income, urban communities. It fulfills this mission by conducting research and educating students to advance new models of equity and opportunity for low-income children and families. The Price Center also includes the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute and the Homelessness Policy Research Institute.
socialinnovation.usc.edu
trpi.org
socialinnovation.usc.edu/hpri
TO EDUCATE STUDENTS, POLICY LEADERS AND THE PUBLIC

Not only does USC Price empower students to become innovators and leaders in numerous vital sectors, but the school also engages policymakers and the public with tools and resources to foster change.

EDUCATING FUTURE LEADERS

Each year, USC Price trains more than 2,100 top graduate, doctoral and undergraduate students from across the country and around the globe. They leave the school with a profound understanding of ethics and public service; detailed awareness of how the public, nonprofit and private sectors can intersect to achieve positive change; and the solid analytical, creative and consensus-building skills necessary to solve pressing problems.

INSPIRING ACTION THROUGH EDUCATION

The school’s influence reaches far beyond the academic to educate policy leaders locally, nationally and globally. From town hall meetings to congressional testimony and international conferences, USC Price turns knowledge into action. Decision makers and media around the world routinely depend on the knowledge and evidence-based research the school provides.

In addition to state and local assemblies and U.S. congressional committees, USC Price faculty members have advised the federal Government Accountability Office, the Department of Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, the Office of Personnel Management, the Congressional School Safety Caucus, the National Academy of Sciences and the U.S. Department of Transportation — to name just a few examples.

The school continues its legacy of bringing citizens and governments together, engaging diverse populations diligently and ethically, and employing multiple lenses to influence policy and governance while advancing fields of study throughout all aspects of public affairs.
Dean Jack Knott welcomes political and community leaders during the Price School’s 90th anniversary celebration in Los Angeles City Hall’s historic John Ferraro Council Chambers. USC Price’s first classes were taught at L.A. City Hall in 1929.

Masters students graduate at the USC Price School’s Commencement Ceremony on May 9, 2019.
STUDENTS IN ACTION

UNDERGRADUATE

17% B.S. PUBLIC POLICY
47% B.S. REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
6% B.S. URBAN STUDIES & PLANNING
2% B.S. POLICY, PLANNING, AND DEVELOPMENT*
28% UNDERGRADUATE MINORS

*Program is no longer available

GRADUATE

32% MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
19% EXECUTIVE MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
12% MASTER OF HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
10% MASTER OF PUBLIC POLICY
6% EXECUTIVE MASTER OF LEADERSHIP
6% MASTER OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
4% DOLLINGER MASTER OF REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT
1% MASTER OF NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

GLOBAL CONNECTION

USC PRICE STUDENTS COME FROM EVERY POPULATED CONTINENT

DOCTORAL

60% PH.D.
40% DOCTOR OF POLICY, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

"While the Price School celebrates its diversity in our student body, our faculty and our staff, diversity is not our ultimate goal. We seek inclusion. We want to leverage the many perspectives we bring to the table, and I expect our community to learn from each other and examine ideas and practices through multiple lenses."

— DEAN JACK KNOTT
Students choose USC Price because they want to use their degree to change the world. Read more about how Price students are championing causes that matter to them, their communities and beyond.

MAHEEN AHMED ’20
Master of Public Administration (Sacramento)
“I’m on a mission to live out my faith by empowering and advocating for vulnerable communities, such as mine, through crafting equitable policies and working towards systemic change.”

BHAVINKA ANAND ’20
Master of Health Administration
“I’m on a mission to build a more collaborative future of healthcare, far away from the silos that exist in this industry. This goal, for me, begins at USC, around the aspiring leaders who will shape a common vision in the future, when encouraged to do so in the start of their careers.”

JORGEL CHAVEZ ’21
Master of Public Administration
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science
Minor: Communications, Policy & Law
“I’m on a mission to advocate on behalf of La Raza and Mi Gente by representing their voice. The Latinx/Chicano community continues to suffer social, environmental, educational and economic issues and I want to address each one throughout my professional career.”

AMY CHONG ’20
Bachelor of Science, Public Policy
Master of Public Administration
“I’m on a mission to advocate for underrepresented communities and bring key ideas to the decision-making table.”

ANDY EISENLOHR ’20
Ph.D. Candidate, Urban Planning and Development
“I’m on a mission to improve public education systems by studying the growth of charter schools in Washington, D.C., and what it means for who learns where.”

NICOLE GOZINI ’20
Bachelor of Science in Real Estate Development
Minor: Business Finance
“I’m on a mission to create happy communities and highlight the amazing wonders of Los Angeles.”

THAI V. LE ’21
Ph.D. Candidate, Public Policy and Management
“I’m on a mission to bring representation to the classroom, bridge the gap between academia and advocacy and develop more equitable policies that support immigrant integration and the mobility of communities of color.”

KATHLEEN MITCHELL ’20
Master of Urban Planning
“I’m on a mission to create healthier, resilient neighborhoods for marginalized communities by working towards greater community engagement, social equity and environmentally sustainable development.”

LILLY NIE ’21
Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Planning
Minor: Spatial Studies
“I’m on a mission to build healthy, active communities through socially conscious design.”
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THROUGH COMMUNICATION AND ACTION

The USC Sol Price School of Public Policy acts globally. Since the 1950’s, the USC Price School has fostered opportunities to engage with international entities. The location of our school along the Pacific Rim provides the ideal environment for collaborative research and education with universities and organizations in Asia, Mexico and South America.
USC Price reaches globally, building partnerships to solve challenges in individual nations while confronting worldwide concerns. Our impact is felt in efforts to expand health insurance in India, collaborate against climate change in Germany and China, and improve public-sector leadership from Armenia to South Africa. Students also serve communities across the globe from Australia to Ghana. We frequently convene representatives from every continent on campus for training and to work together to make the world safer and more equitable.

PRICE INTERNATIONAL LABS

A distinct strength of USC Price is the emphasis on multidisciplinary problem-solving. Each summer, USC Price offers international consulting projects that provide essential clinical links between academic knowledge and professional practice in a foreign setting. Students work in teams, applying their respective capabilities and knowledge to a common problem — often through translating and tailoring skills to meet the unique social, cultural and economic needs of the international location.

Recent projects include:

- Examining youth development and social justice programs in Milan and Rome, Italy.
- Providing a sustainable development strategy focused on poverty alleviation for a Chinese corporation in Danzhai, Guizhou Province.
- Addressing informal housing settlements within the metropolitan area of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Comparing U.S. public administration and policy to Germany and the European Union (EU).

1: The Associated Students of Planning and Development (ASPD) embark on an Urban Crawl that explores how bilateral policies between the United States and Mexico affect new housing, transportation, commercial and civic projects in Tijuana. 2: ASPD students gather at the U.S.-Mexico border during their Tijuana Urban Crawl trip. 3: USC Price Professor LaVonna Lewis (far right) with students at the 2019 International Consulting Lab in Milan, Italy. 4: A Price School student stands in front of a powerful mural while on the 2019 Argentina National Lab. 5: USC Price Professor Richard Green (second from left) with students from the 2019 Master of Real Estate Development International Lab in Seoul, Korea.
GLOBAL RESEARCH

Through global partnerships and research, USC Price faculty and students are working to improve communities all over the world.

EMMA AGUILA, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor

Emma Aguilas in-depth research in Yucatán, Mexico, analyzed the effects of pension programs for the elderly and demonstrated that shorter pay cycles improved health and alleviated poverty and hunger without increasing the amounts disbursed. Nearly 40 nations have similar programs that could benefit from her investigations.

“I’m on a mission to identify populations in need and determine how society can best help them.”

ERIC HEIKKILA, Ph.D.
Professor
Director, Global Engagement Office

Eric Heikkila’s research focuses on urban development and public policy issues, especially in the context of the Asia Pacific region. His recent work focuses on China from a U.S. policy perspective. He has served as a consultant for the World Bank, USAID, UNDP and other organizations, and has led numerous student consulting projects in cities across the globe.

“I’m on a mission to ‘bring global home’ in a way that makes a global perspective a normal perspective.”

ANNETTE KIM, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Director, Spatial Analysis Lab (SLAB)

Annette Kim’s research experiments with innovative data generation and visualization of overlooked communities around the world. In this age of historic human migration, she utilizes cartography and spatial ethnography to find more inclusive and humane ways to design and govern modern cities. She also manages the USC Provost-funded initiative, RAP = Race, Arts, and Placemaking. Her work was recently displayed at the Seoul Architecture and Urbanism Biennale.

“I’m on a mission to help make the marginalized visible.”

NEERAJ SOOD, Ph.D.
Professor
Vice Dean for Research
Vice Dean for Faculty Affairs

Neeraj Sood presented to more than 50 African country representatives at a conference hosted by the African Centers for Diseases Control and Prevention in Ethiopia. He presented on behalf of the National Academies of Science Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) on a consensus report that developed strategies for improving quality of care in low- and middle-income countries. His other work in global health evaluates the effects of major policy initiatives and justifies increased investments in health by governments and international aid organizations.

“I am on a mission to shape public policy with evidence-based and efficient solutions for improving health.”

GLOBAL VISITING SCHOLARS PLATFORM

In order to provide a strong foundation for scholarly inquiry, the Global Visiting Scholars Platform provides a “home away from home” at the USC Price School. Global scholars typically stay for six months or more, and they benefit from USC resources to advance their scholarly pursuits. Visiting scholars attend a wide range of seminars, networking opportunities, and more.

INTERNATIONAL PUBLIC POLICY AND MANAGEMENT (IPPAM)

For more than 20 years, the International Public Policy and Management (IPPAM) master’s program has fostered international collaboration and intercultural understanding by attracting mid-career professionals from around the globe to study together at USC. IPPAM has trained over 800 graduates from 37 countries, and it has had a pivotal role in advancing the rich legacy of global engagement for USC and the Price School. Its distinguished alumni work for organizations including the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, World Bank, Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank and the World Health Organization.

Professor Frank Zerunyan (front center) stands alongside military leaders and public servants who took part in his executive education training at the Vaghen Sargsyan Military University in Armenia.
INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS

The USC Sol Price School of Public Policy has formalized relationships with a number of international institutions and universities, including:

- Bocconi University, Italy
- China Academy of Urban Planning and Design (CAUPD)
- Dalian Wanda Group, China
- Development Research Center (DRC) of Shenzhen Municipality*
- Emergent Institute, Bangalore, Karnataka, India
- Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Brazilian School of Public Administration and Management (EBAPE), Brazil
- Fuzhou University School of Economics and Management, China
- German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer, Germany
- Graduate School of Public Administration, Seoul National University (GSPA SNU)
- Hertie School of Governance, Germany
- Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de Mexico (ITAM)
- Korea Development Institute School of Public Policy and Management
- Korea Institute of Public Administration (KIPA)
- Korea Transport Institute (KOTI)
- Korea University Department of Public Administration
- Lauder School of Government, Diplomacy, and Strategy, Israel
- Ministry of Public Administration and Security (MOPAS), Republic of Korea
- Monterrey Institute of Technology and Higher Education (Mexico)*
- National Council of Science and Technology, Mexico
- National School for Public Administration (Brazil)*
- Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
- Peace Corps
- School of Government, Peking University (PKU), China
- Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Shenzhen Lianshuo Education Investment Management Co.*
- State of Gujarat, India
- State of São Paulo, Brazil
- Tsinghua University, China
- University of São Paulo Department of Economics, Management and Accounting
- World Bank
- Yonsei University (Department of Public Administration), Republic of Korea

*Signed in 2018-2019
DEGREE PROGRAMS

Our degree programs foster a learning environment with breadth and depth that sets the Price School apart and gives you a variety of options to realize your goals.

MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAMS

As a graduate-level student at the Price School, you will have considerable latitude to design your own program to further your professional development. The Price School offers the following graduate degrees:

- Master of Urban Planning
- Master of Public Administration
- Master of Public Policy
- Master of Public Policy Data Science
- Master of Nonprofit Leadership and Management
- Master of Health Administration
- Dollinger Master of Real Estate Development

EXECUTIVE AND LEADERSHIP DEGREES

The Price School also offers career-building education for professionals, including:

- Executive Master of Health Administration
- Executive Master of Leadership
- Executive Master of Urban Planning
- Master of International Public Policy and Management

DOCTORAL PROGRAMS

Building on its 60-year history of providing distinctive Ph.D. programs, the Price School offers three doctoral programs that enable you to join a select group of students who work closely with faculty on important areas of research and scholarly inquiry. They include:

- Ph.D. in Public Policy and Management
- Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Development
- Doctor of Policy, Planning and Development

UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES

The Price School’s undergraduate programs blend a liberal arts foundation with the cultivation of professional competence. Price now offers three bachelor’s degrees:

- Bachelor of Science in Public Policy
- Bachelor of Science in Urban Studies and Planning
- Bachelor of Science in Real Estate Development
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ON A MISSION TO PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE
ON A MISSION TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE
ON A MISSION TO SOLVE HOUSING INSECURITY
ON A MISSION TO ENSURE EVERY VOICE IS HEARD
ON A MISSION TO EDUCATE FUTURE LEADERS
ON A MISSION TO FOSTER INCLUSIVE COMMUNITIES
ON A MISSION TO INFORM POLICYMAKERS
ON A MISSION TO REVOLUTIONIZE URBAN TRANSPORTATION
ON A MISSION TO LOWER THE COST OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS
ON A MISSION TO MAKE COMMUNITIES SAFER
ON A MISSION TO FUEL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ON A MISSION TO ENHANCE GOVERNMENT EFFECTIVENESS
ON A MISSION TO ADVANCE OPPORTUNITY THROUGH INNOVATION
ON A MISSION TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE
ON A MISSION TO STIMULATE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY
ON A MISSION TO BUILD GLOBAL COALITIONS
ON A MISSION TO REFORM PUBLIC FINANCE
ON A MISSION TO PROTECT NATIONAL SECURITY
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