

# RUTGERS

Edward J. Bloustein School  
of Planning and Public Policy



## THE BLOUSTEIN SCHOOL MISSION

The Edward J. Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy serves as one of the nation's key centers for the theory and practice of planning and public policy scholarship and analysis. As part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, the school capitalizes on the strengths and resources of a major research university. The Bloustein School reaches out to the larger world, beyond the realm of academe, to contribute to regional, national, and international communities.

Edward J. Bloustein—Rutgers' former president, constitutional scholar, active citizen, philosopher, and teacher—lived a life of civic engagement that the school seeks to perpetuate through contributions of its faculty, staff, and students.

## PREPARING THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW

The Bloustein School educates a highly select pool of students, preparing them for both public and private sector careers, teaching and research professions, and service at all levels of government. Students are trained and ultimately employed in the areas of planning, land use, politics, public health, employment and social policy, human services, transportation policy and planning, housing and real estate, urban redevelopment, and regional development.



## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The Bloustein School is one of the few schools able to address local, state, regional, national and international policy and planning issues with expertise and credibility. With the urban planning program ranked third in the nation and accredited by the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ASCP) and the Planning Accreditation Board, and the public policy program recently accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA), the school is a leader in areas such as smart growth, transportation policy, workforce development, urban redevelopment, energy and environmental policy, public health, and conflict resolution. The Bloustein School builds on its association with its research centers, and is distinctive in its simultaneous focus on graduate and undergraduate education.

The distinguished faculty is led by Dean James W. Hughes and comprises researchers, theorists and practitioners, including government leaders, who apply research to promote positive social and economic change. The Bloustein School faculty members are widely recognized within their respective fields, having been ranked in the top 10 nationally for scholarly output, and have received the highest awards offered by the university and professional associations for public service, teaching and research. Faculty members serve on numerous boards of national, professional and public policy organizations, testify before Congress and the New Jersey Legislature, present at major academic conferences, and edit prestigious academic journals. Major positions held by Bloustein School faculty members include Governor of the State of New Jersey, president of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, and chairman of the NJ Economic Development Authority. In addition, faculty members have served on university committees that establish and oversee academic policy and programs.

# DEGREE PROGRAMS

## **Doctoral Program in Planning and Public Policy (PhD)**

Designed for students seeking careers in university teaching and research or advanced policy research in the public and private sectors.

## **Public Policy Master's Programs**

Students prepare for careers in government, politics, and public affairs through understanding political institutions and processes.

- Master of Public Policy (two-year program)
- Master of Public Affairs and Politics (one-year program)
- Master of Public Policy and Master of City and Regional Planning (MPP/MCRP/three-year program)

## **Urban Planning and Policy Development Master's Programs**

Students develop a comprehensive understanding of cities, regions, theory and practice of planning, and effects of planning on community values.

- Master of City and Regional Planning (two-year accredited professional program)
- Master of City and Regional Studies (one year program)
- Master of City and Regional Planning and Master of Public Policy (MPP/MCRP/three-year program)

## **Undergraduate Programs**

Students prepare for entry-level positions and graduate studying health, housing, transportation, community development, and public policy.

- Joint Bachelor of Arts in planning and public policy offered with Rutgers–New Brunswick undergraduate schools
- Joint Bachelor of Science in public health offered with Rutgers–New Brunswick undergraduate schools

The school offers joint doctoral and master's degrees in public health and dual degree programs in law, business, and infrastructure planning.



## CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

The Bloustein School's centers and institutes maximize the school's ability to perform in-depth research and extend its activities beyond the classroom through public service and outreach.

### **Bloustein Center for Survey Research**

BCSR provides high quality, non-partisan, objective research services to government, academia, the private sector, and non-profit organizations. The center brings together expertise in a wide range of public policy areas with a full complement of research methodologies.

### **Center for Energy, Economic & Environmental Policy**

CEEEP explores the interrelation of energy, economic and environmental policy issues, conducting applied research to evaluate and help develop energy policy at the state, regional, national, and international levels. The center and several partnering universities comprise the **New Jersey Hydrogen Learning Center**, which evaluates the role of hydrogen in future energy policy.

### **Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution**

CNCR undertakes education, training, research and direct services in preventing and resolving disputes. It serves all three campuses at Rutgers University and is part of an 18-member university consortium, including Harvard, Michigan, and Stanford, that collaborates in joint research projects and workshops, seminars, and conferences.

### **Center for Transportation Safety, Security and Risk**

Rutgers is one of seven member universities of this U.S. Department of Homeland Security-funded Center of Excellence that was created by Congress to develop new technologies and advanced methods to protect and increase the resilience of the nation's multi-modal transportation infrastructure.



### **Center for Planning Practice**

The center serves as a planning and research resource for New Jersey's municipalities.

### **Center for Urban Policy Research**

For nearly a half-century, CUPR has served the nation with basic and applied research on affordable housing, land use policy, the arts and cultural policy, development impact analysis, the costs of sprawl, transportation information systems, environmental impacts, and community and economic development. The center houses the **R/ECON™** state economic forecasting service.

### **HIV Prevention Community Planning Support & Development Initiative**

A joint initiative with the NJ Division of HIV/AIDS Services, HIV Prevention CPSDI provides technical assistance to the New Jersey HIV Prevention Community Planning Group (NJHPCPG), and writes New Jersey's HIV Prevention Plan for the national Centers for Disease Control.

### **John J. Heldrich Center for Workforce Development**

The Heldrich Center is a research and policy organization dedicated to applying the best research to address the core challenges of New Jersey's and the nation's workforce. The center's researchers, scholars, and practitioners develop solutions to put people to work, ensure that workers remain competitive, and provide employers with qualified and productive workers.



### **National Center for Neighborhood and Brownfields Redevelopment**

Through service, education, and research, the Brownfields Center seeks to improve the quality of neighborhoods affected by under-utilized or environmentally contaminated sites. The center operates under the belief that the restoration and revitalization of neighborhoods is a sound investment in a community's health and economic vitality.

### **Rutgers Center for Green Building**

The Center conducts applied research utilizing planned and existing green building projects, works with industry and government to promote these concepts, and develops undergraduate, graduate and professional education programs. The center is working to establish itself as the pre-eminent interdisciplinary center for green building excellence in the Northeast.

### **Rutgers Regional Report / State Data Center**

A coordinating agency of the New Jersey State Data Center, the Rutgers Regional Report is a series of periodic economic forecasts for New Jersey and the region.

### **Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center**

VTC explores the linkages between transportation and other public policy areas, such as economic development, land use, political governance, finance and social policy. The center includes the **National Transit Institute**, which designs and delivers training and education programs for the nation's transit industry.

### **Ralph W. Voorhees Center for Civic Engagement**

The Center for Civic Engagement was founded in 2011 to honor the vision, civic engagement, and service contributions of Ralph W. Voorhees. A collaborative effort of university faculty and students and community development actors, the new Center will enhance dialogue and discussion among communities, government, students and scholars; conduct funded research in partnership with communities; enhance educational opportunities in and outside of the classroom; support the development of innovative responsive public policy; and encourage innovation and entrepreneurship.





## OUTREACH

In addition to offering continuing education courses, technical assistance services, student field placements, internships, and various lecture series, the Bloustein School hosts international students through several exchange programs, including the University of Konstanz in Germany and the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London. The Korean Scholars Program, a partnership with the prestigious Korean Development Institute, allows scholars to achieve a one-year planning degree as part of their global master's course.

## LOCATION

Located in New Brunswick, New Jersey, the Bloustein School is situated in one of the state's most significant areas for higher education and health care. The school's home, Civic Square, is a five-minute walk to the city's train station which has Amtrak service between New York and Philadelphia, both a 45-minute ride away; Washington, DC and Boston are accessible in just a few hours. The station also has frequent NJ TRANSIT local service, including connections to Newark Liberty International Airport. The Bloustein School is within minutes of three of the state's major highways.

## ADMISSION

Admission to the Bloustein School is competitive, and prospective students are evaluated on academic record as well as potential for success within the program. For additional information or to apply online, visit the school's Web site at [policy.rutgers.edu/prospective](http://policy.rutgers.edu/prospective).



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