

Strategic Profile

Who we are: CAPC is a nonpartisan, nonprofit research institution within the Department of Government and Politics of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences at the University of Maryland.

What we do: The Center addresses major issues of governance and explores the relationship between politics and the people. We bridge the gap between academic work and practical solutions to problems and foster a dialogue that leads to action and participation.

How we do it: Through research, education, and outreach, the Center provides first class training that facilitates our University's role as a leader in the development of knowledge about American politics.

Overall goal: To promote an informed and engaged public and offer solutions for a more effective and responsive government.



Current Projects

- Polling Initiative – Polling partnership between CAPC and The Washington Post has produced the biannual, Washington Post-University of Maryland Poll. The poll provides visibility to the Center/University and is a unique resource for researchers, students, and citizens interested in public opinion.
- Internship Programs– Provide internship positions to students in state, federal and public policy arenas. Internships are designed to supplement academic coursework with experiential learning that will enhance a student's practical skills and increase post-graduation opportunities.
- Student Research Assistantships– Mentorship programs for undergraduate and graduate students that provide hands-on research, writing, presentation, and leadership skills through collaborative projects with faculty.
- Symposiums – Forums designed to engage students and the public with academic and policy experts on salient political topics (e.g. "Money in Politics," "A Day on the Voting Rights Act").

Ongoing Development

- Partnerships and Collaborations – Opportunities with leading organizations to build innovative approaches to voting, participation and representation, particularly related to issues of underrepresented groups.
 - Our Time: Organization that discovers new and innovative ways to encourage youth (Millennial) political participation
 - Former Members of Congress (FMC): collaboration on events and symposiums that facilitates the participation of retired members of Congress
- Podcast – Development of a regular podcast (launch in 2016) to provide a platform for experts to discuss their research with a wider audience.