

Overview of SPP Organization, Infrastructure, and Finances

The School of Public Policy will comprise tenure-track faculty from across campus, with almost all holding joint appointments between the SPP and other units. The SPP will also include the many research, teaching, and extension faculty and staff affiliated with the current degree programs of Policy Analysis and Management, Health Care Policy, the Master of Public Administration program in the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs, and the Sloan Master of Health Administration program. In addition, other policy-related units on campus will move into the SPP, including the Institute of Politics and Global Affairs, the Cornell in Washington program, and the Capital Semester in Albany Program.

At its outset, the SPP will be one cohesive and connected unit (not separated into departments) governed by policies and practices proposed by the SPP committee and to be ratified by the full faculty and leadership of the school. The school will be led by a dean who reports to the provost and works closely with other deans on campus to ensure the success of the school and its vision to collaborate with other units across the university. The SPP will be housed in Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, in the existing PAM, CIPA, and Sloan offices, with a long-term goal to occupy space that better enables students, faculty, and staff across Cornell to connect and collaborate.

The SPP will have autonomy over its finances, which include the costs and revenues associated with its students, faculty, staff, and programs. The SPP committee has laid out plans for future programs that will help ensure the fiscal health of the school. A generous gift by Jeb E. Brooks, MBA '70, and Cherie Wendelken, together with the Brooks Family Foundation, provides endowment for the school upon its founding, allowing for key investments in faculty recruitment and academic program excellence and setting the school on a path to becoming a preeminent public policy institution. This gift seeds a robust fundraising effort as part of the university's capital campaign.