The Morrill Land Grant for the 21st Century

“without excluding other scientific and classical studies and including military tactic, to teach such branches of learning as are related to agriculture and the mechanic arts, and to urban design and innovation, in such manner as the legislatures of the States may respectively prescribe, in order to promote the liberal and practical education of the industrial classes in all people seeking access to the several pursuits and professions in life.”
In 1995, UIC created the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs “… to improve the quality of life in metropolitan Chicago and other urban areas….”
Like no other university college in the country, CUPPA is organized not only to understand intractable urban problems but also to propose options and experiments for advancing growth and equality and enhancing the human condition in metropolitan regions of the world.
Nine Interdisciplinary Research Centers:

- Center for Urban Economic Development (CUED)
- Great Cities Institute (GCI)
- Institute for Policy and Civic Engagement (IPCE)
- Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy (IRRPP)
- Nathalie P. Voorhees Center for Neighborhood and Community Improvement
- Science, Technology and Environment Policy Laboratory (STE)
- Survey Research Laboratory (SRL)
- Urban Data Visualization Lab (UDVL)
- Urban Transportation Center (UTC)
Enrollment:

Bachelor of Urban Affairs (n=63)
Master of Public Administration (n=169)
Master of Urban Planning and Policy (n=208)
PhD in Public Administration (n=27)
PhD in Urban Planning and Policy (n=31)

Diversity of Student Body:
Underrepresented Minorities ~ 40%
Undergraduates from IL 95%
International Students 7.5%
Total Out of State 23%
“I chose the **UPA major** because I want to understand urban poverty and get a holistic view of how cities work. …After I complete my UPA degree, **I will begin dental school at UIC.** I am pursuing a career that will allow me to confront health disparities in Chicago and our nation.”
Faculty Reach

Faculty research productivity in top 7-16% nationally.

Departmental reputations, according to *US News and World Report* and *Planetizen*, place both departments in top 15% nationally.
Partnerships:

Economic Development: $2.7M

Funding Provided by
• Ford Foundation
• Rockefeller Foundation
• Brookings Institution
• Polk Bros Foundation
• Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity

Howard Wial
Sharon Mastracci
Nik Theodore
Joshua Drucker
BIG DATA: $2.5M

Funding Provided by
• National Science Foundation
• National Institutes of Health

Nebiyou Tilahun  Michael Siciliano  Vonu Thakuriah  Mary Feeney  Allyson Holbrook  Eric Welch  Tim Johnson, PhD
Transportation and Environment: $7.6M

Funding Provided by

- US Department of Transportation
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Chicago Transit Authority
- National Science Foundation
- Indiana Illinois Sea Grant
- CN

Kazuya Kawamura  Steve Schlickman  Paul Metaxatos  Moira Zellner  Martin Jaffe
Urban Social Policy: $2.7M

Funding Provided by
• JP Morgan Chase,
• Office of Economic Assistance, Department of Defense
• Department of Housing and Urban Development
• Chicago Housing Authority

Brenda Parker
Janet Smith and Yitayih Zelalem
Kelly LeRoux
Joseph Hoereth
Government Finance: $1.1M

Funding Provided by
• John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
• Chicago Community Trust
• Lincoln Institute of Land Policy
• National League of Cities

David Merriman  Rachel Weber  Rebecca Hendrick  Phil Ashton  Michael Pagano  Yonghong Wu
1. Recruit active, engaged, innovative students, faculty, and staff because the urban problems of today will become magnified tomorrow as the world’s population becomes increasingly urban.

2. Broaden the resource portfolio of the college to best accomplish the mission and needs of the college.

3. Disseminate and broadcast the impact of the College’s work so that its national and international visibility is raised.

4. Never lose sight of the vision: raising living standards, improving equity and inclusion, improving the quality of life, and enhancing the human condition, which is an increasingly urban condition.