

HUMPHREY SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS CAPSTONE WORKSHOP PROPOSAL FORM

“The Humphrey School equips students to grapple with public problems and design, implement, and manage solutions for the common good.”

Each year, students at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs participate in Capstone Workshops, which are the application of public policy to advance the public interest and the common good. Students apply their knowledge through research, analysis, and innovative thinking to a client-based project, developing recommendations for policy or institutional change. The Capstone Workshop includes a written report for the client and an oral presentation to the client that summarizes the major findings of the report.

In addition to being a valuable learning experience for students, Capstone Workshops link the skills and services of Humphrey School students with the real-world needs of clients. The Humphrey School welcomes proposals for Capstone Workshops from clients in the public and nonprofit sectors.

Examples of recent capstones and their clients and project descriptions include:

Capstone Workshop Title	Stakeholders	Description of Project
Engaging the Public in Revitalization	Business leaders and residents	Engage stakeholders in a neighborhood revitalization effort with the goal being to guide the community through a planning process for economic development.
Land Use Planning	Community planners and economic developers	To create a vision for managing change for two major city arteries.
Investigating Innovation in Rural Minnesota Public Schools	Minnesota Rural Education Association	Students were asked to examine current education trends and offer recommendations for increasing educational opportunities in rural schools. Specifically, students were asked to determine the importance of distance learning and the use of technology in rural areas.

Please complete page two of the Capstone Workshop Proposal Form and submit it with any supporting documentation to:

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Proposal date	
Project name	
Client organization name	
Client organization address	
Contact name (individual responsible for the proposed project)	
Contact phone number and e-mail address	
Description of project (please use additional paper, if necessary)	
Research question/Issue to be examined	
Proposed deliverables	A. B. C. D.
Assumptions	A. B. C. D.
By when does this project need to be completed? Capstones may be scheduled for Fall, Spring and Summer Semesters	
Audience	
University faculty member or other staff member with whom you have been in communication, if applicable	

Questions regarding your Capstone Workshop proposal may be directed to Stacey Grimes at 612-626-1329 or grime004@umn.edu.