Developing Healthy & Sustainable Communities

The creation of mixed-income housing and communities has become the defining approach to local and national housing policy. Training leaders with the right set of skills to manage housing, programs, and community engagement is a national priority. We aim to establish the premier affordable housing and mixed-income communities program in the country, preparing students to transform communities and promote social and economic opportunity for residents.

HOW THE BROWN SCHOOL IS Making a Difference

The Brown School at Washington University is a leader in providing education in this field. Social workers should play a key role in the development and management of affordable housing projects, working closely with real estate professionals, developers, and bankers. For these projects to be successful, residents must be engaged and supported. This is a natural role for social workers, one that leverages their skills and abilities.

Our pioneering faculty is developing effective ways to improve economic and community development. Our educational program is adding real estate, finance, and property management training to the traditional curriculum for graduate social workers. Our accomplished and committed students are learning the latest innovations so they can become change agents in this important field of service and policy.

“Everyone has the right to affordable housing. Brown School is making that happen.”

LESLEI BURROWS, MSW ’13
Area manager at McCormack Baron Salazar, one of the nation’s leading developers of mixed-income housing.

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HOW THE BROWN SCHOOL IS Implementing Change

The Brown School’s Asset Management Specialist Certificate is the first of its kind at a school of social work. It is offered in partnership with NeighborWorks® America, the nation’s leading community development trainer.

The program teaches professionals to:

- Manage the combined challenges of social services and housing for residents
- Finance mixed-income housing and meet regulatory requirements
- Develop communities
- Manage properties
- Provide governance and leadership
- Developers and community managers across the United States host Brown School students in internships that enable them to translate their knowledge into practice

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Investing in the Brown School

You can help advance research, development, and evaluation of affordable housing initiatives at the Brown School by providing:

- Endowed professorships to recruit and retain the nation’s top mixed-income housing faculty
- New course development to respond to advances in the field
- Sustained partnerships with developers and property-management agencies
- Scholarships to recruit and retain the next generation of asset management specialists
- Stipends to students for community internships
- Annual conferences that bring together leading researchers, developers, and property managers to advance mixed-income housing policy and practice

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