SIEPR is an exhilarating place for emerging and renowned economists

The Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (SIEPR) is Stanford’s thought leader for understanding the economic challenges, opportunities, and policies affecting people in the U.S. and around the world. At our core are the more than 100 faculty members who represent all seven schools at Stanford. With SIEPR support, they study a vast array of economic policy-relevant areas, collaborating with other established and up-and-coming researchers from within and outside Stanford.

We also seek to build knowledge about pressing economic issues by engaging and energizing a broad, diverse community of policymakers and influencers including academics, students, government officials, civic and business leaders, and members of the media and public. We generate research on topical policy areas and share it with policymakers and influencers.

We develop emerging and early-career scholars focused on economic policy. We expose students in their formative years to economic principles and the vital role evidence-based knowledge plays in shaping more effective public policy. And we create and deepen vital relationships by hosting visitors and holding frequent conferences and gatherings.

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Propelled by philanthropy, SIEPR makes an impact across the U.S. and around the world. We focus our efforts on producing policy-relevant research, engaging tomorrow’s leaders and scholars, and building a rich and diverse network.

Research

We catalyze and support research that informs economic policy questions of lasting importance.

SIEPR faculty research a wide range of policy-relevant topics including taxes, trade, education, finance, health care, monetary policy, and housing. Our faculty testify in statehouses and on Capitol Hill, advise government agencies, and share findings with major media outlets.

Recruiting and retaining the most promising and accomplished economists is essential to accelerating the research being done at SIEPR.

Our faculty support includes assistance for the dissemination of research findings to a broader audience and seed funding for projects and conferences.

Many faculty also receive research funds and in special cases endowed and named appointments.

Our Named Visitors are internationally recognized and respected scholars and policymakers. Recent visitors include winners of the Nobel Prize, the John Bates Clark Medal, and the MacArthur Fellowship.

We don’t know what works unless we measure it. And that’s where SIEPR can be very helpful.

*Michael Tubbs, mayor of Stockton and Stanford alum*, on his partnership with SIEPR to help analyze *data on the city’s universal basic income program*

Impacting Policy

We increase the likelihood that SIEPR faculty and their research influence economic policy discussions — and eventually legislation and policy implementation.

Our Media Fellows program widens the information-sharing pipeline between SIEPR researchers and journalists, increasing the likelihood that news articles and editorials are informed by the research and ideas of SIEPR scholars.

Our Policy Fellows program strengthens connections between SIEPR scholars and policymakers while motivating talented students to explore careers in public service roles. Resident policymakers expose SIEPR scholars to current policy questions that require practical and implementable research.

My year at SIEPR allowed me to make large, time-intensive investments in a variety of research projects. Just as importantly, the chance to interact with the SIEPR and broader Stanford community was invaluable.

*Heidi Williams, SIEPR senior fellow and a 2018-2019 Trione Visiting Associate Professor*
Leaders and Scholars

We inspire and cultivate the next generation of economic policy scholars, government officials, civic leaders, and engaged citizens.

Our Undergraduate Research Assistant program engages 80 students each year to collect and analyze data for our academics while receiving an invaluable hands-on experience in economics.

Our Predoctoral Research Fellows program provides a bridge between college and graduate school to explore advanced degrees and careers in economics, public policy, or related disciplines. Twenty students accelerate policy-relevant research, enroll in graduate courses, attend field-specific seminars, and build their networks.

Graduate fellowships are awarded to the top students writing dissertations that inform important economic policy questions and allow students to dedicate the last year of their studies to completing their dissertation research. This support frees them from teaching and departmental obligations as they navigate the academic job market.

Our Young Scholars program offers up to 10 emerging scholars a one- to two-year residence at SIEPR to advance their research agendas and interact and collaborate with our scholars. The Young Scholars alumni network now numbers 40 scholars at 22 universities and research institutions.

Building a Network

We act as a leading convener to educate and energize diverse and influential voices on economic policy to amplify SIEPR’s role in setting the agenda, connecting people, and shaping the discourse.

We attract the world’s most promising academic talent and established economic and political influencers. Our annual SIEPR Economic Summit convenes over 500 academic, business, and government leaders to discuss timely issues ranging from the future of work to the repercussions of international diplomacy. Associates Meetings welcome thought leaders to engage in robust discussions with our community. Speakers have included Federal Reserve Chairwoman Janet Yellen, J.P. Morgan Chase CEO Jamie Dimon, and UnitedHealthcare CEO Steve Nelson. Policy Forums take a deep dive on pressing topics including K-12 education, immigration, and policy priorities for California’s new leadership. SIEPR also establishes a network of academic peers, mentors, and collaborators by creating numerous opportunities for the exchange of ideas, leading to fresh and innovative research projects.

Photos from left to right: SIEPR predoctoral fellows; former Governor Jerry Brown and former chair of Stanford in Government, Olivia Martin
Opportunities to Help

SIEPR’s mission is to catalyze and promote evidence-based knowledge about pressing economic issues, leading to better-informed policy solutions for generations to come. We envision a future where policies are underpinned by sound economic principles and generate measurable improvements in the lives of all people. We invite you to engage with us by supporting our research and helping us inspire and cultivate the next generation of scholars. Endowed and expendable gifts of any amount are welcome to support our faculty, programs, and students.

“My day as CEO is basically your agenda from the SIEPR [Economic] Summit.”

Mary Callahan Erdoes, CEO of J.P. Morgan Asset & Wealth Management

To learn more about SIEPR’s giving opportunities and priorities, please contact Director of Development Greg Gamble at 650-724-0606 or ggamble@stanford.edu.