

POLICY RESEARCH AT UNB



If you want to change the world, here are the trenches where the real work is done.

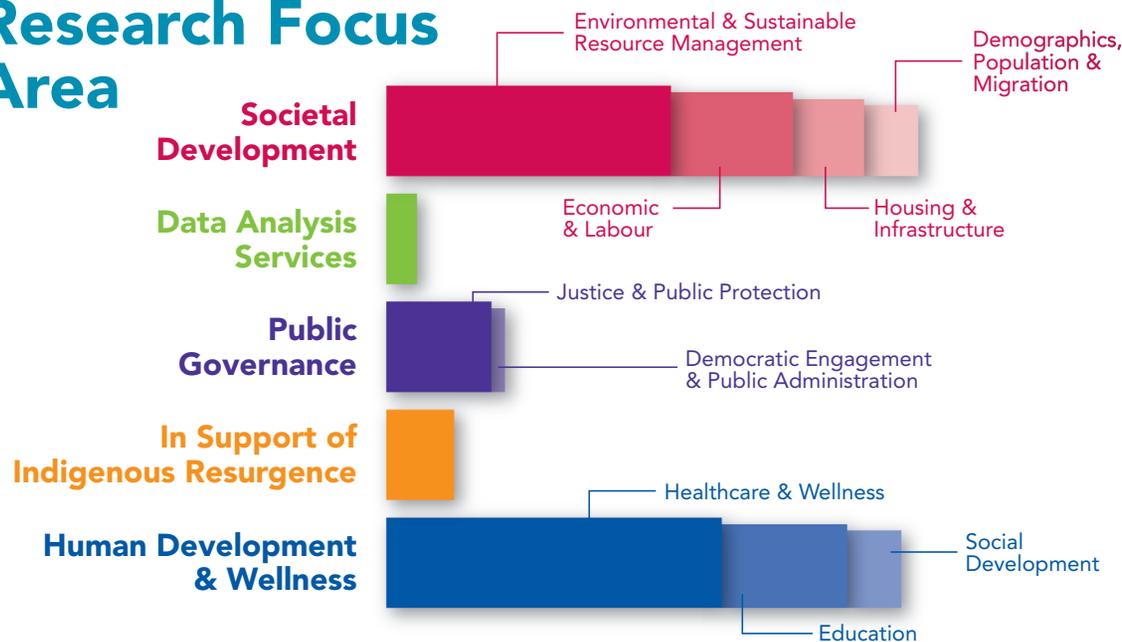
If policy is to be built on more than ideology or personal agendas, if it is to be effective and just, decision makers must be exposed to unvarnished facts and analysis. Researchers throughout the

University of New Brunswick (UNB) work tirelessly to provide the evidential understanding needed to affect change across many areas of social and public policy.

As stated by UNB President H.E.A. (Eddy) Campbell: "Our experts in fields such as healthcare, education, economics, aboriginal affairs and earth sciences gather knowledge

from around the world and think hard about its relevance and impact here in New Brunswick. The lessons they learn, the evidence acquired and its subsequent analysis and application to informed decision making can be deployed anywhere around the globe. Our current ecosystem of public policy expertise is more vast, more relevant and has more impact than ever."

Research Focus Area



Policy research is perhaps one of the most pervasive research topics found within the university. Hundreds of researchers from practically all disciplines are either working directly on policy elements, or are exploring evidentiary data that supports policy decisions. Fueled by more open access to large health, social and economic datasets, UNB has invested in infrastructure to facilitate the linking of these and other diverse datasets for secure, deep-dive research and analysis, while retaining individual privacy. This enables the evidentiary evaluation of current policies, and a factual basis for improving or establishing new policies that can be directed at solving complex societal issues.

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Average number of faculty undertaking research in this area each year

\$8.8 million

Average amount of funding received for research in this area each year

136

Average number of research projects in this area each year

30

Faculties and Departments pursuing research in this area

- **Arts (Fredericton):**
 - Anthropology
 - Economics
 - History
 - Political Science
 - Psychology
 - Sociology
- **Arts (Saint John):**
 - History and Politics
 - Humanities and Languages
 - Psychology
 - Social Sciences
- **Business (Saint John)**
- **Business Administration**
- **Computer Science**
- **Education**
- **Engineering:**
 - Civil Engineering
 - Geomatics and Geomatics Engineering
 - Mechanical Engineering
- **Forestry and Environmental Management**
- **Kinesiology**
- **Law**
- **Nursing**
- **Renaissance College**
- **Science:**
 - Biology
 - Chemistry
 - Earth Sciences
 - Mathematics and Statistics
- **Science, Applied Science and Engineering:**
 - Biological Sciences
 - Computer Science
 - Mathematics and Statistics
 - Nursing and Health Sciences

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Facilities and Groups conducting research in this area

- **Institutes and Centres:**
 - Canadian Research Institute for Social Policy (CRISP)
 - Canadian Rivers Institute (CRI)
 - Gregg Centre for the Study of War and Society
 - Muriel McQueen Fergusson Centre for Family Violence Research
 - New Brunswick Institute for Research, Data and Training (NB-IRDT)
 - Urban and Community Studies Institute (UCSI)
- **Major Research Groups:**
 - Centre for Criminal Justice Studies
 - Early Childhood Centre
 - Health and Education Research Group (HERG)
 - Mi'kmaq-Wolastoqey Centre
 - Policy Studies Centre (PSC)
 - Psychological Wellness Centre (PWC)
 - Second Language Research Institute of Canada (L2RIC)

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Research Chairs engaging in research in this area

- **Canada Research Chairs (CRC):**
 - Adolescents' Sexual Behaviour
 - Atlantic Canada Studies
 - Chemical Contamination of Food Webs
 - Literacy and Human Development
 - School to Work Transition
 - Spatial and Social Inequalities in Health and Health-Service Delivery
- **Other Research Chairs:**
 - Interprofessional Patient-Centred Care
 - Vaughn Chair - Regional Economics