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The La Follette School of Public Affairs has a long history of collaborating with state policymakers, sharing its research to inform government decision-making and training the next generation of policymakers. We work closely with the legislature in the following ways:

- Bringing world-class policy experts to Madison in our [public events series](#):
 - Each year we host a policymaker in residence, and each semester we host a journalist in residence. These renowned experts bring their national perspectives to our community. In 2022, we hosted [Nate Silver](#) of FiveThirtyEight as journalist in residence, and in 2023, we welcome former Speaker [Paul Ryan](#) as our policymaker in residence.
 - [Wisconsin Family Impact Seminars](#) – La Follette works with the legislature to identify policy issues and then coordinates experts to present a series of nonpartisan seminars specifically directed to legislators.
 - [Office Hours at the Capitol](#) – we bring UW Madison faculty and staff to the capitol for drop-in events so you can learn more about active research on timely issues.
 - [La Follette Forum](#) – this annual conference for the public features policymakers, practitioners and other experts discussing practical policymaking. 2023 topic: [All Policy is Implementation](#).
- Helping to connect you to resources at the UW:
 - Our outreach team can help connect you to UW-Madison researchers (both within and outside of La Follette) who can serve as sounding boards, provide expert testimony, or provide insights from their research.
- Professional development for students and leaders:
 - Over half of our graduate students go on to take jobs in state government. A close working relationship between La Follette and the legislature helps provide those students with the experiences that they need to be successful in policymaking. [Hire our students or host an intern](#).
 - La Follette has [trained legislative staff](#) on skills such as cost-benefit analysis, policy analysis, and legislative processes. We also run the [Leadership Seminar](#) for Wisconsin Women in Government.
 - Each year, our students work with external partners to provide policy recommendations. Learn more about [partnering with our students](#).

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