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Our Purpose

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Founded in 1975 as a nonprofit, non-partisan research organization at Washington University in St. Louis, the Center supports scholarly research in the areas of economics, government, and public policy. It works closely with the Departments of Economics and Political Science, funding important start-up research, facilitating outside grantmanship, and conducting monthly surveys under its innovative The American Panel Survey (TAPS). In addition, the Center has a multifaceted program of research, public outreach (lectures, meetings, debates, forums, retreats), publications, and online resources. It works to educate and shed light on key public policy issues at the intersection of business and government. This is achieved through interaction with policymakers and influential individuals in business, government, academia, and the media.

Reaching the Larger Community

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Leadership Team

The Weidenbaum Center’s leadership team cuts a wide swath through the social sciences. It is led by Director Steven Smith, a prominent political scientist, and Associate Director, Steven Fazzari, a leading economist and chair of the University’s Department of Sociology. Ten Research Fellows from the Departments of Economics and Political Science and Distinguished Executive in Residence Richard Mahoney serve as leadership advisors.

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Survey results create a steady flow of opportunities for policy experts to evaluate and address important issues of the day.

**Faculty Programs**
The Center supports faculty research and grantsmanship in the Department of Economics, the Department of Political Science, and other programs, through a variety of activities:

- provides small grants to initiate and encourage faculty research and development
- helps identify research funding opportunities and helps prepare grant requests
- supports major research programs that combine research, conferences, and public affairs
- sponsors workshops and conferences that facilitate scholarly exchange and coordinate the review of academic work in progress

Many unique research, writing, and publication opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students are provided. Its scholars program and its small grants program enable students to work on major research projects with faculty in the Departments of Economics and Political Science.

External funding (such as National Science Foundation grants) provides other opportunities for students to assist with major projects.