

The Michael A. Stegman Award for Policy Research and Advocacy

Call for Nominations

The **Michael A. Stegman Award for Policy Research and Advocacy** was established in 2007 by the faculty to honor Professor Michael Stegman, first chair of UNC's Department of Public Policy and previously a professor and Chair of the Department of City and Regional Planning. Throughout his forty-year career at UNC, Dr. Stegman produced high-quality policy research and analysis to advocate for affordable housing and for financial services and asset-building opportunities for the poor and working poor. Dr. Stegman served as Assistant Secretary for Policy and Research at the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, chaired the White House Working Group on President Clinton's National Urban Policy Report, and founded UNC's Center for Community Capitalism. He retired from UNC to become director of policy for the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in 2007. In 2012, he became the Counselor to the Secretary for Housing Finance Policy at the US Department of the Treasury.

The Stegman Award for Policy Research and Advocacy will recognize a graduating public policy major who has demonstrated an ability to use policy research and analysis to advocate for social change and a commitment to play a future role in policy research and advocacy.

The Undergraduate Affairs Committee seeks nominations for the Stegman Award. The deadline for nominations is **March 15th of each academic year**. To nominate a recipient, faculty, staff or students at Carolina should send the following information to the Undergraduate Affairs Committee (c/o Mary Edwards, edwardmc@email.unc.edu):

- A letter from the student with a brief (250 word) description of the nominee's contributions, achievements, and future leadership associated with policy research and advocacy
- Information supporting the selection of the candidate (including student's transcript and resume)
- A letter of support from an internship supervisor, thesis advisor, or other professional policy mentor with a brief description of the nominee's academic background and extracurricular education-related activities related to public service

The Undergraduate Affairs Committee will review nominees and recommend a recipient to the faculty of the Department of Public Policy. The recipient will be recognized at our spring departmental commencement ceremony.