The Muskie School of Public Service is nationally recognized for applying innovative knowledge to critical issues in the fields of sustainable development and health and human service policy. The school combines an extensive applied research and technical assistance portfolio with rigorous graduate degree programs in policy, planning and management, and public health; and graduate certificates in highly sought-after specializations.

As the lines among the nonprofit, for profit, public, and private sectors become increasingly blurred and require skills to work across all sectors, the trend among graduate and professional schools is increasingly interdisciplinary. National public health accrediting standards now require that students gain experience working in interprofessional teams. By creating a robust academic consortium with the Muskie School at its core, the Maine Center will foster new opportunities for students to think, collaborate, and pioneer across disciplines. It will offer multiple opportunities for students at the Muskie School to gain valuable expertise in legal and business practices—skills that are critical in a wide range of occupations from town manager to a health program manager or environmental policy analyst.
MEETING THE NEEDS OF THE REGION AND STATE:

- **Master of Public Health (MPH):** This nation-ally-accredited, competency-based program prepares Maine students to tackle today’s complex population health and health care needs;

- **Experiential learning opportunities** All MPH students collaborate with community partners on projects to improve the health of Maine residents. About 1/3 also gain experience and funding support working with MPH faculty and Muskie staff on funded research;

- **Master’s in Policy, Planning, and Management (MPPM)** prepares students for leadership roles in government, nonprofit organizations, and private organizations serving public and nonprofit sectors;

- **Accelerated dual degrees programs** with Law (J.D./MPH) and (J.D./MPPM);

- **Certificate programs in high-demand policy fields** of Public Health; Healthcare Quality and Patient Safety; Policy Analysis; Public and Nonprofit Management.

DIRECT INVESTMENT FROM THE MAINE CENTER WILL:

- **Diversify and expand** course offerings in policy, planning, and management;

- **Support increased access** to the MPH program and enhance funded opportunities for students to support Maine’s public health and health care improvement initiatives.

“The Maine Center’s programs play a critical role providing professional education to prepare Maine’s future talent, ultimately driving business growth in Maine’s communities.”

—Glenn Cummings, President, University of Southern Maine