

# Build solutions with future policy leaders

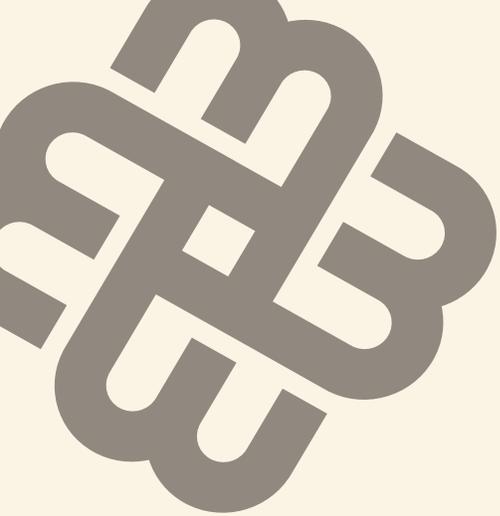
*Max Bell School Policy Labs*



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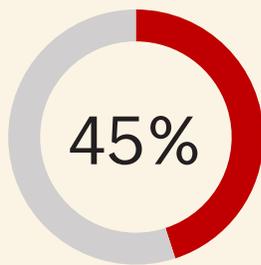


*The capstone element of the Max Bell School MPP program is the Policy Lab.*

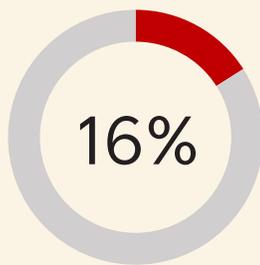
The Policy Lab brings together the key elements of the program including the principles of policy design, the difficulty of conducting thorough analysis with incomplete data, the trade-offs between stakeholders' interests, the challenges posed by a partisan political landscape, and how to communicate complex policy ideas effectively.

## An Accomplished and International Cohort

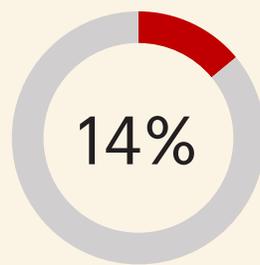
Our Master of Public Policy students hail from all over the world and are as accomplished academically as they are professionally.



Students with international experience

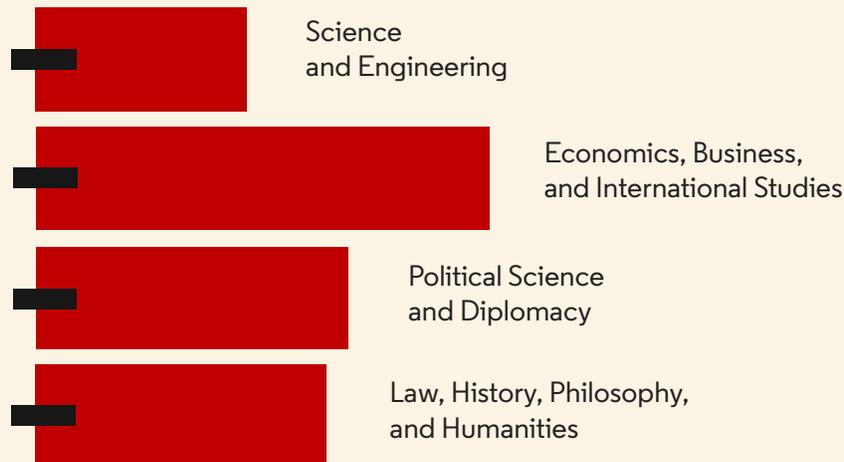


Completed a graduate degree



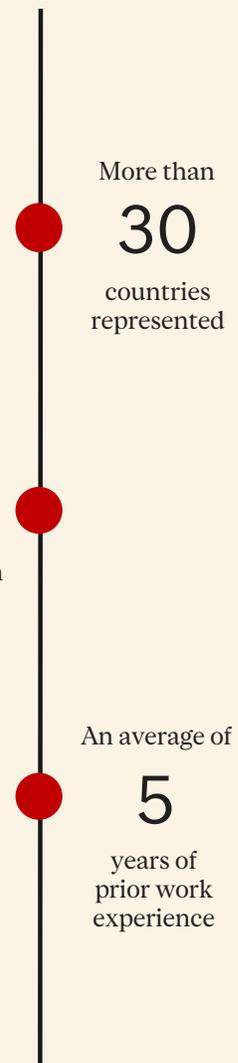
McGill University graduates

Our MPP candidates come from a range of different disciplines:



60%

Have Canadian undergraduate degrees



*“Max Bell School’s MPPs were committed, resourceful, and focused on developing relevant and applicable policy recommendations, which received positive feedback from our government counterparts.”*

—  
World Bank, 2020

## How it works

1

The Lab groups students into small project teams that work to address a specific policy challenge for a real-world sponsor: either a government, business, international institution, or an NGO.

2

These sponsors provide both the policy challenge and experience with the real-world difficulties that make putting policy into practice difficult.

3

Supported by both academic and practitioner coaches who provide guidance and feedback, the student team develops a full policy solution and briefing for the sponsor.



# Interested in becoming a sponsor?

Sponsors play a critical role in the success of the Policy Lab.

Each sponsor provides a dedicated lead that ensures the following responsibilities, which represents 2-3 hours per month between January and July:

- Ensure the presence of key participants and subject matter experts during the meetings and for the final review within the windows of availability provided
- Provide feedback in a timely fashion, preferably within one week of request
- Minimize changes to the policy challenge once the Policy Lab has begun

Policy Lab Sponsors are asked to provide the following before the start of the academic year:

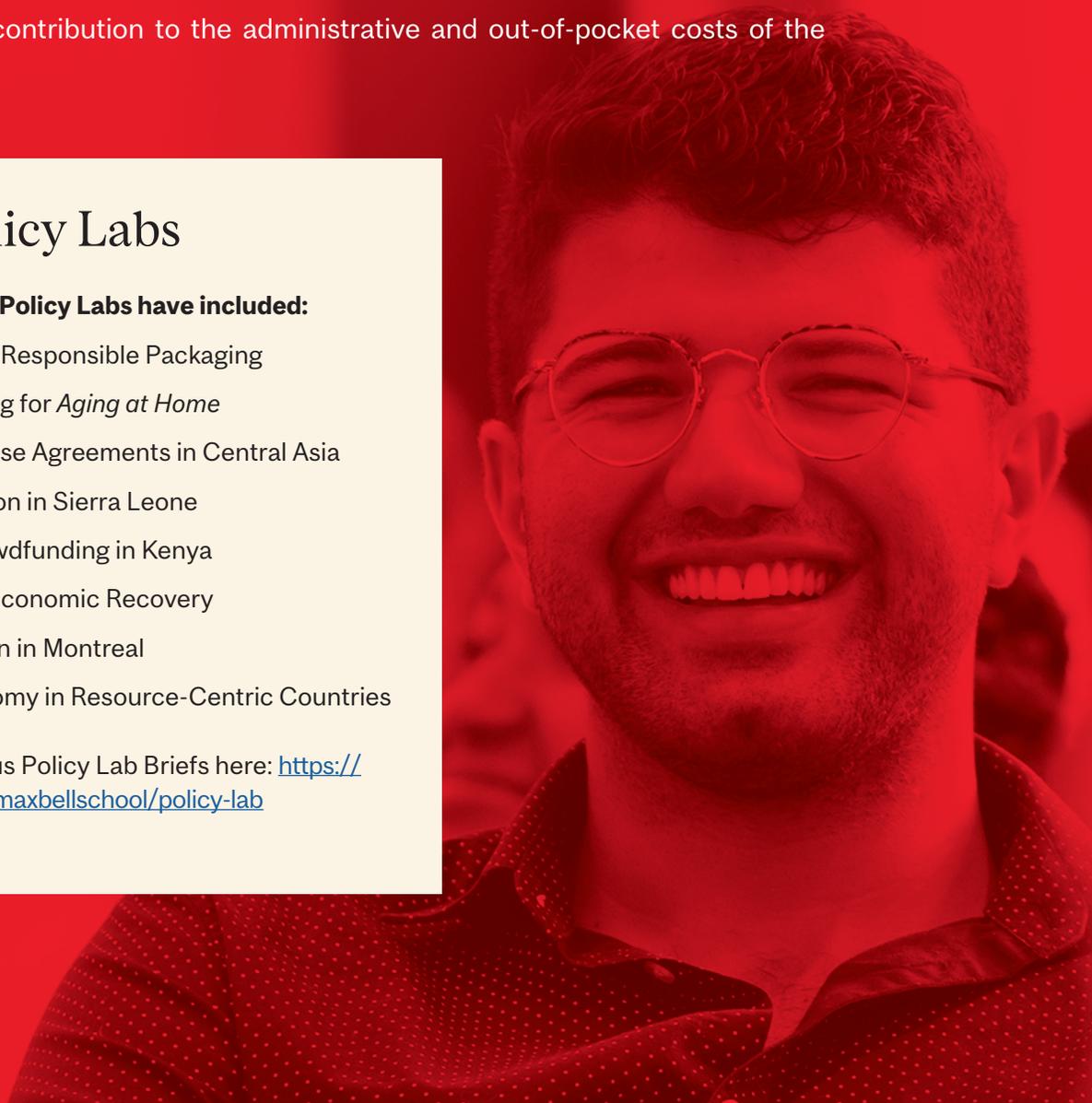
- A dedicated lead within the sponsorship organization who will be the main point of contact
- A financial contribution to the administrative and out-of-pocket costs of the Policy Lab

## Past Policy Labs

**Topics of MPP Policy Labs have included:**

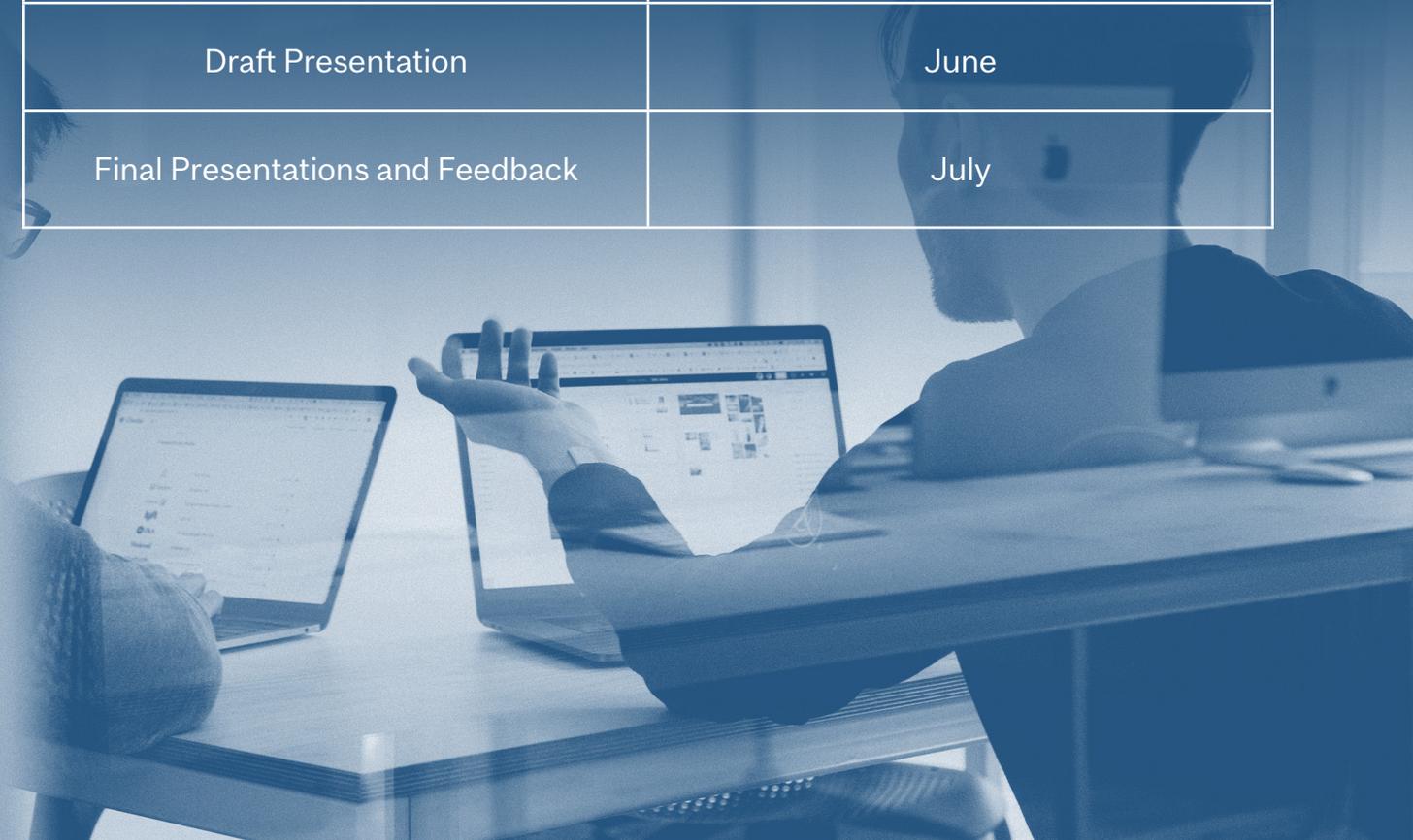
- Cannabis and Responsible Packaging
- Senior Housing for *Aging at Home*
- Power Purchase Agreements in Central Asia
- Rural Education in Sierra Leone
- Diaspora Crowdfunding in Kenya
- Post-COVID Economic Recovery
- Noise Pollution in Montreal
- Circular Economy in Resource-Centric Countries

See the previous Policy Lab Briefs here: <https://www.mcgill.ca/maxbellschool/policy-lab>



# Key Milestones

Sponsorship Confirmed	May
Challenge Approved	June
Team / Coach Composition	October
Kick-Off	December
Brief Outline	January
Stakeholder Consultations	March
Summary of Findings	April
Draft Policy Brief	May
Draft Presentation	June
Final Presentations and Feedback	July



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McGill University's Max Bell School of Public Policy aims to be at the forefront of public policy teaching and research. The School welcomed its first cohort of Master of Public Policy (MPP) students in 2019. Our curriculum combines the dynamism of a young program with the knowledge of experienced public policy scholars to create a rigorous, yearlong learning experience.

At the Max Bell School of Public Policy, graduates pursue careers in government, law, economics, health administration, and more. The stringent academic foundation that they gain in MPP coursework complements practical workshops, applied policy experiences, and a mentorship program, making Max Bell graduates well-rounded policy professionals who are desirable to a wide range of employers.