

## What can Town+Gown do for members of Town?

- Include your relevant research questions in a comprehensive built environment Research Agenda.
- Disseminate the Research Agenda widely to get your research questions in front of all participating schools, increasing the chances that applied research on your issues will result.
- Provide the broader policy and practice context for your research questions and establish continuity for the larger issues, so that one project can lead to various follow-up and related projects over time.
- Identify and pursue cross-agency and multi-disciplinary issues so that more than one school can work on pieces of broader issues.
- Bridge the academic/practitioner divide for research questions picked up by experiential learning programs.
- Make contacts and manage relationships on projects with academic programs, faculty advisors and student teams from project inception to completion.
- Provide access to the master academic consortium contract for built environment research.
- Publish <u>Building Ideas</u> annually, abstracting completed projects, presenting the results of all completed projects, and, in a clearinghouse function, make the final project materials available to members of Town for follow-up research projects.
- Sponsor collaborative discussion events on completed projects among Town+Gown members as a foundation for developing possible changes to practices and policies in the context of a working group format.