

## Master's Program Targets Sustainability

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The Tulane University School of Architecture has launched a new master's degree program in sustainable real estate development that will prepare students from diverse fields to explore the redevelopment of cities.



Through its URBANbuild program, the Tulane School of Architecture has built modern, sustainable housing for families returning to New Orleans. (Photo by Ryan Rivet)

Program coursework will draw from fields of business, architectural design and city planning, and will use New Orleans' post-Katrina recovery as a laboratory of lessons for other communities.

Applications to the [graduate program](#) are being accepted now until February 1, 2011, with classes set to begin in June 2011.

"New Orleans and Tulane are at the forefront of the sustainable development movement," said [Alexandra Stroud](#), director of the program. "As American cities benefit from reinvestment, revitalization and innovative development strategies, New Orleans provides extraordinary case studies in the post-Katrina era."

The program will use case study examples across the United States to examine the power of public-private partnerships and innovative financing strategies in sustainable real estate development.

Stroud says that the program aspires to place its graduates in real estate development and related firms. In addition, organizers of the program will work to identify and build opportunities for graduates to work in for-profit and nonprofit business settings that produce innovative strategies for sustainable change in communities. For more information about the program, contact [Stroud](#), an adjunct associate professor of architecture.