

2014 – 2015 Highlights

IUPUI Graduate Office

Indiana University Graduate School at IUPUI

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The Graduate School Office at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) serves all graduate programs on the IUPUI campus. A core campus office for the Indiana University Graduate School, the IUPUI Graduate Office provides administrative oversight to Indiana University graduate and professional degree programs in Indianapolis. The Graduate Office also works closely with the faculty and administration of Purdue University on policies and processes impacting Purdue graduate students at IUPUI. The Graduate Office collaborates with schools at IUPUI to assist with graduate and professional student recruitment, retention, career development, recognition of student achievements and successful degree completion.

The Success of our Students

Increase Capacity for Graduate and Graduate Professional Education

- To ensure students maximize their educational experiences and career readiness at IUPUI, the Graduate School has collaborated with faculty in the Schools of Informatics, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Nursing, Public Health, Science, Physical Education and Tourism to develop and gain campus approval for eight new accelerated degree programs in 2014-2015. These integrated programs link bachelor and master degree courses with relevant educational experiences to provide students with a competitive edge while completing two degrees within an accelerated time frame of 5 years. New programs focused on the accelerated BS/MS degrees offer training in the fields of Health Sciences and Health Informatics, Nursing and Health Informatics, Biology and Bioinformatics, Health Information Management and Health Informatics, Biology and Public Health, as well as studies in Tourism, Convention, and Event Management combined with Informatics. A linked program in Political Science offers undergraduate students the means to acquire accelerated training leading to BS/MA degrees in this field. A new integrated program on campus also offers studies in Informatics (BS) connected to a Master of Jurisprudence. These accelerated programs provide a gateway to advanced graduate degrees for undergraduate students passionate about their field of study and academically ready to make the most of graduate and professional school opportunities at IUPUI.
<http://shrs.iupui.edu/admissions/apply/bshs-mshi-integrated/>
<http://soic.iupui.edu/news/new-degree-g geared-toward-health-science-and-technology-prepares-students-for-careers-of-the-future/>
- Consistent with our campus goal to provide educational experiences to graduate and professional students relevant in an urban setting and competitive in the growing global economy, in 2014-2015 institutional approval was granted for three new graduate certificate programs focused on Literacy and Learning, Civil and Human Rights, and Translation Studies, along with six new tracks of study including Sports Analytics, Sport Event Tourism, Data Analytics, Biomedical Informatics,

Knowledge and Information Management, and User experience Design (UXD). Campus faculty from several schools worked with the Graduate School to bring these new educational opportunities to students.

- The Fairbanks School of Public Health, the Office of International Affairs, and the Graduate School teamed to develop an innovative dual MS/MS degree program which connects our School of Public Health faculty with academic colleagues in Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China to offer advanced graduate training in mathematics and biostatistics. Students will complete their first year at Shanghai Jiao Tong University which is recognized for excellence in mathematics while the second year of studies will be carried out on the IUPUI campus working with internationally recognized faculty experts in biostatistics.
- In 2014-2015, faculty developed 23 new graduate degree programs with approval and oversight from the Graduate School Office including three new Ph.D. degrees focused on applied studies in Music Technology, Applied Social and Organizational Psychology, and American Studies. These programs are slated for review by the Indiana Commission on Higher Education in fall 2015. A new master's degree program in Informatics was approved for the campus and open to enrollment in 2015.
- To provide IUPUI graduate and professional students with a competitive edge in obtaining fellowships and awards, the Graduate School brought a new program GradGrants to campus in 2015. GradGrants represents a partnership between the IUPUI Graduate Office/University Graduate School, the President's Diversity Initiative, the Indiana University Mentoring Center, and the IUPUI Preparing Future Faculty and Professionals program. GradGrants staff at IUPUI have hosted workshops focused on identifying sources of funding and awards along with completing and submitting grant applications. Staff also provided individual student consultations on the IUPUI campus as well as curated online resources. GradGrants in conjunction with the Writing Group for graduate and professional students, provide career development tools and resources to ensure student success.
<http://graduate.iupui.edu/academics-research/research-funding/index.shtml>
- The Graduate School kicked off the IU President's Diversity Initiative in fall 2014 on the IUPUI campus with resources to support the recruitment and dissertation studies of talented and diverse graduate students. The program also provides financial support for Diversity Emissaries, graduate students focused on improving the campus climate for graduate and professional students through programs on mentoring, recruitment and retention. In 2014-2015, five talented graduate Emissaries worked to introduce new students from diverse backgrounds to the campus and Indianapolis communities while also creating social and professional development opportunities for current graduate and professional students. This program has fostered a broader definition of diversity within our graduate programs, and recognizes the importance new perspectives can bring to research and creative endeavors at IUPUI and beyond.
<http://graduate.iupui.edu/about/diversity.shtml>
- To facilitate the recruitment and retention of high potential graduate students for 2014-2015, the IUPUI Graduate Office provided grant support to campus schools totaling more than \$1.95 million. University fellowships were awarded to the highest ranked candidates for admission including 15 Ph.D. and 9 master's students along with two multi-year President's Diversity Fellowships to IU doctoral students. To encourage graduate student presentations at national and international

research conferences, nearly \$20,000 in travel fellowships were provided to IUPUI students during the past year by the Graduate Office.

- To recognize the creativity and determination of our IUPUI graduate students, the first annual Sherry Queener Graduate Student Excellence Awards were provided to two outstanding students in fall, 2014. These awards recognize the top candidates for a doctoral thesis and the top student completing a master's degree each year. The awards are provided to students based upon academic achievement, scholarship and creative contributions, and co-curricular activities along with faculty recommendations.

<http://graduate.iupui.edu/academics-research/research-funding/index.shtml>

Transforming Online Education

- To facilitate advanced training for students who are employed, the School of Public and Environmental Affairs is moving their Master degree program in Criminal Justice and Public Safety to an online platform.

Optimize our Enrollment Management

- Graduate student success continues to rise with a 5.6% increase in the total number of graduate degrees awarded at IUPUI during 2014-2015. The Graduate School awarded 277 Indiana University Graduate School degrees and 30 certificates, and 290 Purdue University graduate degrees. This coincides with a 4% increase in the number of graduate students enrolled in doctoral research degree programs on campus in Fall, 2014, and a 3.4% increase in full time graduate students at IUPUI overall. A significant proportion of the overall growth was linked to a 12% increase in graduate student enrollment within the School of Engineering and Technology.
- IUPUI graduate and professional educational programs continue to provide value and advanced educational opportunities to the citizens of Indiana. Nearly 76% of the students enrolled in these advanced degree programs are Indiana residents. The diversity of our graduate and professional programs continues to increase with a rise of 19.6% in the enrollment of Hispanic and Latino students in the fall of 2014, and an increase of 10.4% in African American students.

Advances in Health and Life Sciences

Leverage our Strengths in Health and Life Sciences

- A new IU doctoral degree program from the School of Science in Applied Social and Organizational Psychology along with a new dual degree between the Biostatistics program within the Fairbanks School of Public Health and Shanghai Jiao Tong University in China were reviewed by the Graduate School and approved institutionally. These exciting new programs are on-track for state review. Five new health and life sciences related accelerated degree programs including BS/MS in Health Sciences and Health Informatics, Biology and Bioinformatics, Health Information management and Health Informatics, Nursing and Health Informatics, and Biology and Public Health were developed and approved over the past year to meet student demand and growing job markets in the health and life sciences sectors.
- The IUPUI Graduate Office and the School of Science Department of Chemistry were among the 2014 sponsors for the Annual Women's Reception at the conference for the National Organization of Black

Chemists and Engineers (NOBCChE). Two IUPUI students attended this national meeting as campus ambassadors gaining opportunities for career development and networking, as well as assisting with outreach and recruitment for the IUPUI campus.

- In 2015, the IUPUI Graduate Office and the University Graduate School initiated an innovative new program to promote faculty and student exchanges with partners at several Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions. The first exchange sent IUPUI faculty and staff to Florida A&M University to share research and teaching expertise with faculty colleagues and students in Florida. This was followed by visits from Florida A&M, Tuskegee University, and Stillman College faculty to IUPUI to discuss mentoring, research and best practices in graduate student education. These exchanges have spurred visits by graduate and undergraduate students from Florida A&M and Stillman College to IUPUI for summer research experiences. These exchanges have been supported by funding from the Graduate Office, the University Graduate School, the President's Diversity Initiative, the School of Science and the School of Medicine's NIH Bridges to the Doctorate and Immunology and Infectious Diseases Training Programs. These exchanges demonstrate the strengths in life and health sciences research on the IUPUI campus and establish our campus as a national innovator in graduate education.

Contributions to the Well-Being of the Citizens of Indianapolis, the State of Indiana, and Beyond

Deepen our Commitment to Community Engagement

- During the academic year 2014-2015, the Graduate School faculty and staff visited regional businesses and state partners including Ingram Micro, Indiana State Government, Firestone, Caterpillar, Covance, and JP Morgan Chase to discuss campus options for workforce development and employee career advancement.

Promote an Inclusive Campus Climate

- The Underrepresented Professional and Graduate Student Organization (UPnGO) affiliated with the Graduate Office was recognized as the Outstanding Student Organization of the Year by the IUPUI Graduate and Professional Student Government (GPSG) at the inaugural Elite 50 Graduate and Professional Student Ceremony. The Elite 50 Ceremony in spring, 2015 recognized 50 exemplary graduate and professional students for their contributions to local and global communities including efforts to improve the campus climate and learning experiences.
<http://inside.iupui.edu/editors-picks/campus-life/2015-03-10-elite-50.shtml>
- The inaugural Innovators and Trailblazers Series on best practices in graduate education, was held on the IUPUI campus in November, 2015. Nationally recognized expert in graduate retention and diversity, Dr. Terrell Strayhorn of The Ohio State University was invited as the first speaker for this series. In a series of seminars and small group discussions at IUPUI, Dr. Strayhorn shared his insights on mentoring, inclusion, and pathways to student retention relevant to graduate and undergraduate students. Dr. Strayhorn's seminars crossed disciplines and sparked relevant discussions among students, staff and faculty given the growth of the IUPUI campus and increases in graduate enrollment. Dr. Strayhorn met with graduate and professional students, undergraduates, faculty, campus leaders and the Graduate Advisory Committee during his visit.
<http://news.iupui.edu/releases/2014/10/minorities-in-graduate-education.shtml>

- Graduate School staff visited several institutions of higher education and national conferences to provide information on IUPUI graduate and professional programs to prospective students. Institutions visited include DePauw University, IU regional campuses, Purdue University, Hanover College, Ball State University, University of Illinois at Chicago, Van Andel Institute in Michigan and Wittenberg in Ohio. Consistent with our commitment to diversity, the Graduate School participated in conferences sponsored by the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students, Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science, Louis Stokes Midwest Center of Excellence (LSMCE), and the National Association of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers.
- In fall 2014 recruiters from 47 different institutions gathered on the IUPUI campus for the Grad Expo, a meeting which attracted more than 200 prospective students. Recruitment experts from 19 graduate and professional programs based at IUPUI, IU Bloomington and our regional campuses were on hand to take inquiries and discuss degree and certificate programs. Staff and faculty from the University of Notre Dame, The Ohio State University, University of Illinois, University of Kentucky, and Bowling Green State University also attended this event providing additional resources to IUPUI undergraduate students interested in advanced study.
<http://graduate.iupui.edu/about/gradoffprogs/expo/index.shtml>
- IUPUI sent fourteen students and seven faculty mentors to the Southern Regional Education Board Compact for Faculty Diversity Institute on Teaching and Mentoring in 2014. The Graduate Office in partnership with the Vice Chancellor's Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion along with various schools and departments, conducted recruitment activities for prospective graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and faculty at this national conference.

Develop Faculty and Staff

- To better serve prospective students, the Graduate School hosted a workshop for staff and faculty on strategies to improve graduate and professional student recruitment, admissions and campus experiences. Associates from the recruitment firm Ruffalo Noel Levitz, the National Name Exchange, and the Educational Testing Services as well as campus experts provided recommendations on transforming the application process and admissions for students interested in advanced degree programs. More than 40 staff and faculty from the campuses of IUPUI, Ball State and Indiana University Bloomington attended this event.