# **Overview**

### Vision of IUPUI

The VISION of IUPUI is to be one of the best urban universities, recognized locally, nationally, and internationally for its achievements.

## **Mission of IUPUI**

Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is building a strong reputation in urban research and academic health sciences initiatives, putting Indianapolis in the forefront of health-related businesses and industries. The academic training that is preparing the state's next generation of leaders in these fields is at the heart of IUPUI's effort to enhance the academic accomplishments of its graduates, and elevate the intellectual capacity of its citizens through research and creative activity, teaching and learning, and civic engagement, on local, national and global levels.

These core activities are characterized by:

- Collaboration within and across disciplines and with the community, building on the levels of expertise available in IUPUI's faculty, researchers and the full campus community;
- A commitment to ensuring diversity by providing fullfledged opportunities to all segments of society; and
- Pursuit of best practices

## History

Founded in 1969, IUPUI is an urban campus with the dynamic flavor of a metropolitan city of 1.9 million. The campus is just west of downtown Indianapolis, within walking distance of the state capitol and other governmental offices, and the site of numerous businesses and art, sports, education and health facilities.

IUPUI is one of eight campuses of Indiana University and includes two Purdue University schools. The campus offers more than 225-plus degrees provided by 21 different schools. Its more than 30,000 students represent 47 states and 146 countries. More than 21,500 of those students are undergraduates, with about 70 percent traditional age and 30 percent adult age students. Undergraduate students annually use more than \$83 million in financial assistance as they juggle jobs, families, community service and academic pursuits. Each year some 6,500 students earn IU or PU degrees.

IUPUI includes the second largest medical school in the country, the only dental school in the state, the nation's largest nursing school and the country's oldest school of physical education. IUPUI is among the top 20 campuses in the nation for graduate professional degrees conferred. With strong traditions in professional education, IUPUI is simultaneously developing new strengths in interdisciplinary inquiry, linking disciplines with professions in ways that advance research, professional service and learning.

With research expenditures of nearly \$288 million in 2012, IUPUI is the second-largest site for research in Indiana. With more than 1,420 tenured or tenure-track faculty members, IUPUI is proud of its teaching record and works

to improve its teaching with on-going assessment and professional development.

IUPUI is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Individual school and academic programs are also accredited. For example, the Kelley School of Business and the School of Engineering and Technology programs are accredited by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) and the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET), respectively. IUPUI has nearly 169,000 alumni living worldwide and an expanding and active alumni relations program to serve the growing IUPUI campus. More than 66 percent of alumni live in Indiana, with more than two-thirds of that number in the Indianapolis area. The rest are spread around the world with strong contingents in far-flung places such as Malaysia.

Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus, created in 1970 (one year after the creation of IUPUI), is located one hour south of Indianapolis in Columbus, Indiana, a small but sophisticated of nearly 40,000 residents. Well-known as an "architectural mecca," Columbus is ranked sixth in the nation for architectural innovation and design by the American Institute of Architects. It boasts exciting works by numerous internationally known architects. It also is home to the Indiana University Center for Art and Design, which opened in 2011.

IUPUC has 64 full-time faculty members, who are highly regarded both nationally and internationally, and 136 adjunct faculty. IUPUC partners with the Purdue University College of Technology, which has 12 full-time faculty members. Both full-time and adjunct faculty teach at the Columbus campus and at IUPUC's regional centers in Greensburg and Seymour. The service area of IUPUC includes the counties of Bartholomew, Brown, Decatur, Jackson, Jefferson, Jennings, Johnson, Ripley and Shelby.

IUPUC offers 10 undergraduate and two graduate degree programs. Over 1,700 undergraduate and graduate students are enrolled. Approximately 60 percent are full time, and nearly 70 percent are female. IUPUC offers the advantages of affordability and small class size, along with the high-quality students would expect at any IU or Purdue campus.

See the IUPUC section in this bulletin for more specific information.

# A Distinctive Structure A Foundation of Excellence

IUPUI has emerged as the state's urban research and academic health sciences campus. It fills a vital role in understanding the city's unique advantages and challenges, and works closely with civic leaders to develop strategies to help Indianapolis improve the quality of life for its citizens.

IUPUI's focus on research in a wide range of fields has helped the campus and the community build a solid infrastructure in fields such as health science, in law, in higher education, in governance, and civic engagement and more, all through the ability to understand these fields, and to make informed decisions about what matters, where it matters, and how we can collectively shape our shared future.

## **University College**

Entering IUPUI students are granted admission to University College (either full admission or dual admission with a degree-granting school). Students remain in University College until they meet the admission requirements for their field of study or complete 56 credit hours of course work. University College provides many programs and services to ensure that students move into their majors as efficiently as possible, including academic advising, academic support programs, first-year seminars, career planning, peer mentoring, orientation, scholar support, and themed learning communities.

#### The Schools

Fields of study or disciplines are housed in schools at IUPUI. School policies and procedures govern all the students within each school. Most fields of study are housed in departments within the schools, but in some schools they may be called by other names, such as divisions. The departments and schools themselves determine degree requirements and whether students are eligible to receive a degree. Students must be in a school and take a specific number of courses at IUPUI (residence requirements) to be eligible for a degree. A current list of degree programs appears online at <u>www.iupui.edu/</u> academic/schoolsdepts.htm.

## **The Columbus Campus**

The mission of Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus is to provide the educational leadership and the resources for teaching and learning, research and creative activity, and service and civic engagement needed to enrich the intellectual and cultural environment, enhance the economic opportunities, and improve the quality of life of the diverse citizens and communities in south central Indiana.

For Columbus-specific information relating to admission, registration, financial aid, scholarships, placement testing, academic advising, orientation, and student activities, see the <u>IUPU Columbus</u> section in this bulletin.