

[IUPUI Portfolio Home](#) > [Accreditation Self-Study](#) > [IUPUI Vision, Mission, and Values](#)

IUPUI Vision, Mission, and Values

Revised February 6, 2002

Context for Planning at IUPUI

Every great city has a great university. Universities advance the skills of the urban workforce, enhance intellectual and cultural vitality, support the health and well-being of the citizenry, and expand the city's economic base through research and development. Great universities are magnets that attract business, industry, and well-educated people to a city.

To ensure a vibrant future for Indiana, Indianapolis must be a great city. This goal will be realized only if the city's colleges and universities collaborate with the community and with each other and if Central Indiana's system of private and public higher education is anchored by an urban public campus located at the very heart of the population and accessible to the largest range of students. For Indianapolis, that public campus is IUPUI, fast emerging as one of the nation's leading urban universities and supplying critical educational and cultural resources, professional expertise, and health services to the city, the state, the nation, and the world.

IUPUI's growing prominence draws on the inherent assets of the IUPUI model, which blends the great traditions of Indiana University and Purdue University to bring higher education to the state's largest urban community. A corridor of higher education, research, advanced technology, patient and client services, and economic and cultural growth runs from Lafayette in the north to Bloomington in the south, with the state's capital—and IUPUI—at the center. From this central position, IUPUI draws on and enhances the resources of the city and region through teaching and learning, research and scholarship, and civic engagement.

Providing educational opportunity to Indianapolis and Central Indiana is at the core of IUPUI's mission. Our diverse student body evidences our dedication to extending this opportunity to students of every race, age, income level, and background. The campus serves students' wide-ranging needs through innovative student life initiatives, resources and environments designed to support learning, faculty professional development, and ongoing assessment and improvement to ensure excellent teaching and learning. Our wide array of undergraduate and graduate programs includes nationally recognized interdisciplinary programs that are among the first in their fields. IUPUI faculty, staff, and students work extensively with P-12 programs in Indianapolis to prepare students for college by offering the academic support they need to accomplish their educational goals.

Excellence in research and scholarship is another hallmark of IUPUI. New knowledge generated by research enhances students' opportunities to learn and work at the frontiers of their fields and supports the university's commitment to educational opportunity and productive engagement with communities in Indianapolis, Central Indiana, and beyond. As the state capital's research university, set in Indiana's largest population center, IUPUI supplies vital support to the city's economic development, health care and professional services, and cultural growth. In turn, the city offers the university opportunities for research and development through collaboration with business and industry, government, and cultural institutions. The partnership of IU, Riley, and Methodist Hospitals, nationally recognized as a successful collaboration providing outstanding health care for its region, expands opportunities for students and the university's capacity to conduct cutting-edge research. Our robust research programs forge regional, national, and international connections that are strengthened by our collaborations with IU and Purdue University and have earned us a place in global networks of

advanced research and practice.

IUPUI's faculty, students, and staff strive to be good citizens of the surrounding community. The university's range of community collaborations and of patient and client services builds on the resources and expertise of both university and community to improve the quality of life in Indianapolis and Central Indiana. Civic engagement, informed by community needs and resources, both serves the community and informs the disciplines and professions. As an engaged institution, IUPUI stands as a national model for effective, mutually beneficial collaboration of students, faculty, staff, and community.

Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis Vision, Mission, and Values

IUPUI is an urban research university created in 1969 as a partnership by and between Indiana and Purdue Universities, with IU as the managing partner. Thus IUPUI is a campus of Indiana University that grants degrees in some 185 programs from both Indiana University and Purdue University. IUPUI offers the broadest range of academic programs of any campus in Indiana and is the state's principal site for graduate professional education. This campus ranks among the top fifteen in the country in the number of first professional degrees it confers and among the top five in the number of health-related degrees. IUPUI is the home campus for state-wide programs in medicine, dentistry, nursing, allied health, and social work and extends its program offerings through IUPUI Columbus. Internet II and TransPAC are located here. IUPUI's University Library provides regional leadership for developing digital resources and making them available throughout the community. Building upon a tradition of excellence in higher education, IUPUI provides access for committed learners to quality education that conveys the skills, intellectual framework, and values necessary for life-long learning. Its programs and services influence thinking and practice throughout the state, across the country, and around the world. IUPUI serves as a catalyst for collaboration in teaching, research, and service among its faculty, students, and staff, and among the state's educational institutions, including colleges, universities, and schools of the Indianapolis region, and other learning organizations. IUPUI is home to dozens of interdisciplinary research centers and in the next century expects to become one of the nation's leading centers of interdisciplinary teaching and learning.

The VISION of IUPUI is to be recognized as one of the best urban universities.

The MISSION of IUPUI is to provide for its constituents excellence in

- **Teaching and Learning**
- **Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity**
- **Civic Engagement, Locally, Nationally, and Globally**

with each of these core activities characterized by

- **Collaboration** within and across disciplines and with the community,
- A commitment to ensuring **diversity**, and
- Pursuit of **best practices**

IUPUI's mission is derived from and aligned with the principal components--Communities of Learning, Responsibilities of Excellence, Accountability and Best Practices--of Indiana University's **Strategic Directions Charter**.

Statement of Values

IUPUI values the commitment of students to learning; of faculty to the highest standards of teaching, scholarship, and service; and of staff to the highest standards of service. IUPUI recognizes students as partners in learning. IUPUI values the opportunities afforded by its location in Indiana's capital city and is committed to serving the needs of its community. Thus, IUPUI students, faculty, and staff are involved in the community, providing educational

programs, working with a wide array of community partners that serve Indianapolis and Central Indiana, offering expert care and assistance to patients and clients, and engaging in field research spanning virtually every academic discipline. As a leader in fostering collaborative relationships, IUPUI values collegiality, cooperation, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship as well as honesty, integrity, and support for open inquiry and dissemination of findings. IUPUI is committed to the personal and professional development of a diverse campus community of students, faculty, and staff; to continuous improvement of its programs and services; and to building a strong, welcoming campus community for all.

Goals for Implementing IUPUI's Mission

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

- I. Attract and support a better prepared, more diverse student population
- II. Support and enhance effective teaching
- III. Enhance undergraduate student learning and success
- IV. Provide effective professional and graduate programs and support for graduate students and post-doctoral fellows

Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

- I. Conduct world-class research and creative activities relevant to Indianapolis, the state, and beyond
- II. Provide support for scholarly activity and external funding
- III. Enhance infrastructure for research and creative activities

Excellence in Civic Engagement, Locally, Nationally, and Globally

- I. Enhance capacity for civic engagement
- II. Enhance civic activities, partnerships, and patient and client services
- III. Intensify commitment and accountability to Indianapolis, Central Indiana, and the state

[About the Portfolio](#) [About IUPUI](#)
[Teaching and Learning](#) [Civic Engagement](#) [Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity](#)
[Performance Indicators](#) [Accreditation Self-Study](#)

[Indiana University – Purdue University Indianapolis](#)
[Copyright © 2001 The Trustees of Indiana University](#)