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IMPORTANT: Upcoming Changes in Tuition Assessment

Regardless of the enterprise in which you are engaged, budget is likely a concern. Within the PA State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) and IUP, we are no different. With careful planning and stewardship of funds, we are transitioning to a stronger university; however, that transition is not without difficult decisions related to tuition.

At the direction of the PASSHE, a significant change being implemented with the fall 2011 term is the manner in which graduate tuition is assessed. No longer will there be a flat full-time tuition rate; rather, assessment will be based on a per credit tuition rate, regardless of the number of credits. Students will still need to be registered for nine credits to be considered full-time.

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An example of this change might look like this: A student taking twelve credits in the spring 2011 term would have been assessed a flat, full-time tuition, based on his or her residency. This would be the same tuition for a student registering for nine to fifteen credits. Beginning in the fall 2011 term, graduate students will be assessed the per credit rate for each credit taken. As such, for a student taking nine credits, tuition will differ from a student taking twelve credits.

As was announced last year, IUP implemented the practice of differential tuition for graduate programs where there is a higher cost to deliver that program or where there is a higher demand. The assessment of differential tuition is not unique to IUP. It has been a practice for many years at other universities. In the fall 2011 term, more graduate programs will be added to those already assessed a differential tuition.

It is our hope that providing this information as early as possible will allow you more flexibility for planning. We anticipate the PASSHE Board of Governors will announce the 2011-12 tuition in mid-July. As more specific information becomes available, it will be available at www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=17303. I strongly encourage you to routinely access this site to stay current on assessment information.

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Important Dates

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| Mar 1 | May 2011 Graduation Applications |
| Mar 28 | Summer and Fall 2011 Registration |
| Apr 4 | Individual Spring 2011 Course Withdrawal |

School of Graduate Studies and Research Announcements

Dr. Shari Robertson

Dean's Associate for the School of Graduate Studies and Research

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP IS ALIVE AND WELL AT IUP!

The University Graduate Scholars Forum makes its inaugural debut this year, joining the successful Undergraduate Scholars Forum as an outlet for students to display their original scholarship in an inclusive and supportive setting. This year, both forums will take place during Research Appreciation Week which is slated for April 4- 8.

The Graduate Scholar's Forum will

be held from 9:00 am-12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6 in the Blue Room of Sutton Hall. The Forum will feature static displays of scholarship, such as original research posters, creative writing, sculpture, musical scores, and artwork. Time will also be set aside for performance pieces throughout the morning. Graduate students who are interested in participating must submit abstracts of their proposed work at www.iup.edu/gradscholars prior to March 13. Just as for the Undergraduate Scholars

Forum, a faculty sponsor must vouch for the quality of the scholarship. Awards in the form of travel funding will be provided to the best examples of scholarship from each college.

The Undergraduate Scholar's Forum will take place on Tuesday, April 5 from 9:00am-4:00pm in the Hadley Union Building (HUB). Research posters, teacher work samples, seminars, business case competitions, and a juried art exhibit will be featured throughout the day. New to the undergraduate

certificates, will also be distributed to many lucky attendees.

The public is invited – and encouraged – to come and enjoy the excellence in scholarship our students have to offer, interact with participants, and nibble on refreshments. Questions regarding either of the Forums may be addressed to Shari Robertson at 724-357-4507 or srobert@iup.edu. See you at the Forums!



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scholar's forum this year is the opportunity for graduate programs to reserve a table for recruiting students into their programs. More information regarding the forum can be found online at www.iup.edu/undergradscholars, including instructions for submitting proposals (due February 25). A reception for all participants will take place in Sprowls Hall immediately following the event, where outstanding scholarship will be recognized with a variety of awards. Door prizes, including I-pods and gift

THE GRE REVISED GENERAL TEST

The GRE Revised General Test is scheduled to launch in August 2011. Both test takers and faculty members will see many changes, including scoring, with this new test. Visit the ETS website www.ets.org/gre/updates for details about the revised test, how the changes may affect your advisees or your program admission scores, and tips to help you get ready for the upcoming changes.

The SGSR is "Going Green" with Time Appointment Notices

Starting with the current spring semester, the School of Graduate Studies and Research will no longer print (approximately 4,000!) paper Time Appointment Notices to be used for fall 2011 registration. Alternate PINs are available on your advisee list, which you can run via URSA, beginning February 21.

There is an option, when viewing your advisee list, to export that list (including the alternate PIN) to an Excel spreadsheet, as well as an option to obtain a listing of your advisees who are not registered for the current semester. Please contact the School of Graduate Studies and Research with any questions!

The “Average” Graduate Student at IUP

What does a composite average of a graduate student look like?

WELL, HERE ARE SOME FACTS ABOUT IUP GRADUATE STUDENTS:

2,299 graduate students

58% are part-time

14% are international

69% identify as white, 9% do not identify

A COMPOSITE OF THE AVERAGE GRADUATE STUDENT LOOKS LIKE THIS:

White female

32 years old

Part-time

In COEET



More Information

Keep in mind that we have 61 distinct graduate programs and each one is truly unique. Some recruit primarily students directly out of undergraduate school who are in face-to-face programs. Other programs recruit primarily part-time students who are older and employed. IUP’s graduate student population varies much more widely than its undergraduate population does, and it is more diverse.

It is important to note that our average graduate student is over age 30. This means that our students are more experienced, may be in a committed relationship, and already have a set of life expectations. They are less likely than 18-21 year olds to fit an “8-5, M-F” model of assistance that is typical of universities today. Instead, many graduate students may hold jobs and may only be able to ask for assistance during the lunch hour or after work hours. They may have children, too. The bottom line for all of us is this: Graduate students are definitely not the same as undergraduate students.

Visit the School of Graduate Studies and Research online at
www.iup.edu/graduate

The Virtual Orientation for Graduate Students

We are excited to tell you that the School of Graduate Studies has worked with many groups on campus to produce a Virtual Orientation for new graduate students.

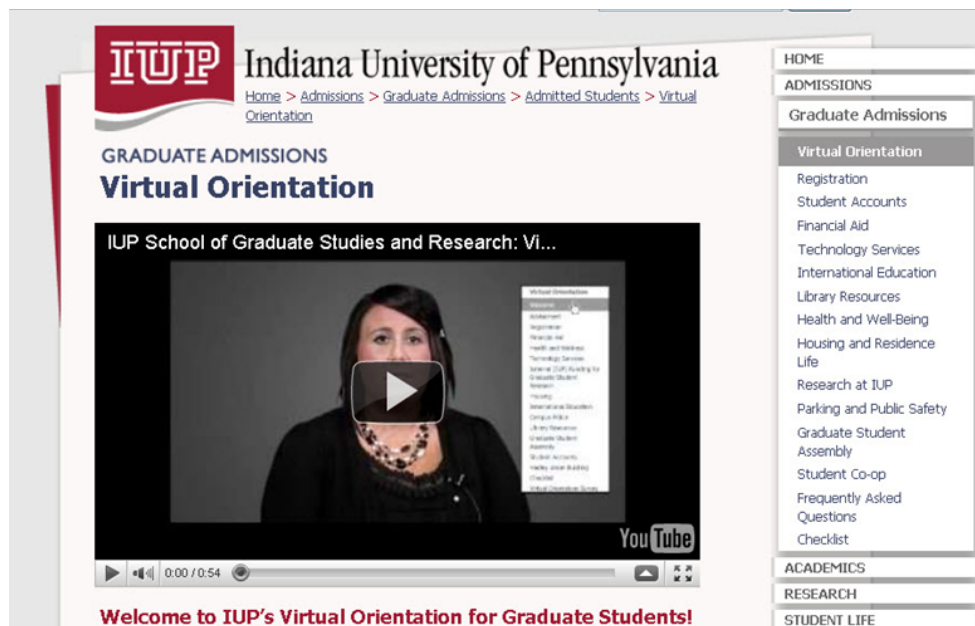
The Virtual Orientation covers topics such as:

- Registration
- Financial aid
- Technology services
- Housing and Residence Life
- Research
- The Graduate Student Assembly

It even has a FAQ section that answers questions such as:

- What is an I-Card, and how do I get one?
- How do I obtain a Pennsylvania drivers license?
- Are parking permits available for graduate students?

The Virtual Orientation will really help our students, especially our part-time and online students, become oriented to IUP.



Virtual Orientation for Graduate Students Homepage

The Virtual Orientation is available 24/7 at:
www.iup.edu/admissions/graduate/virtualorientation

IUP Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center

Upcoming Graduate Program Information Sessions

Attend an information session at the IUP Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center to learn more about graduate programs that are accepting applications for the fall 2011 term:

M.Ed in Education - Wednesday, March 30; Wednesday, April 27; or Wednesday, May 4 (sessions begin at 5:00 p.m.)

MBA, Executive Track – Monday, March 28 or Wednesday, April 20 (sessions begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Also accepting applications for Monroeville offerings for fall 2011 are the D.Ed. in Curriculum & Instruction program; M.S. in Nursing, Education Track program; M.Ed. in School Counseling with Certification program; and M.A. in Community Counseling program. Visit www.iup.edu/monroeville for more information.

Visit us online:

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Graduate School Program Spotlight

Master of Science in Biology

The M.S. in Biology program is designed to provide students advanced understanding in one of three core areas 1) cell/molecular 2) organism or 3) ecology. The program benefits students who plan to pursue the Ph.D. degree and also those who will immediately apply for a position as a biologist upon graduation.

Recent graduates from the M.S. in Biology program are employed as biologists with state and federal agencies, private ecological consulting firms, pharmaceutical firms, and the Biotech industry. Recent graduates are also employed as educators in secondary education and institutions of higher education.

Recent M.S, Biology graduates have also been accepted into PhD programs at Trent University, University of Kentucky, University of Wyoming, the Johns Hopkins

University, University of Toledo, University of Montana, University of Pennsylvania, and University of Pittsburgh.

The curriculum (35 credits with a thesis or a non-thesis option) provides students with a well-rounded biology background, and provides the research skills required for postgraduate positions. Classes are typically offered in a diverse format of classroom, laboratory, and field experiences.

The non-thesis option requires 32 course credits and 3 Independent Study credits. The non-thesis option also requires a research component that is under the direction of a faculty member.

Accelerated curriculum option: Although a graduate program, the Accelerated Track begins during and overlaps with the undergraduate Biology program. Highly motivated undergraduate students can tailor their coursework in order to complete the requirements for the B.S., Biology

Biology Faculty

Faculty are active in state, national and international organizations and have been awarded external funding to conduct research by several agencies, including the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of Defense, and U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Faculty research backgrounds include forest ecology, conservation biology, cell biology, immunology and more. Visit www.iup.edu/biology/faculty for a complete listing.

The thesis option is research oriented, with an emphasis on a comprehensive research project under the supervision of a thesis advisory committee. When enrolled in the thesis option, students take 29 course credits and 6 thesis credits.

and M.S., Biology in a total of five calendar years.

Graduate students are encouraged to publish their research findings in peer reviewed journals and to present their work at regional, national, and international scientific meetings.



Biology Courses

All students are required to take core courses that include Graduate Seminar and Biometry. The remainder of the courses are electives to be chosen by the student based on his or her interests. Common graduate elective courses include Biology of the Cell, Mammalogy, Advanced Ornithology, Immunology, Neurobiology, Ecological Physiology, Environmental Toxicology, Animal Behavior, and Population and Community Ecology. Course descriptions can be found online at www.iup.edu/graduate/catalog.

For more information, visit www.iup.edu/grad/biology, call 724.357.2352 or email Dr. Jeffrey Larkin (larkin@iup.edu).

Intramural Support for Faculty Research and Scholarship

The semester is moving along swiftly but it's not too late for IUP faculty to take advantage of many intramural (IUP-supported) funding opportunities to support research and scholarship. The following are just a few of the ways in which the University can help you:

UNIVERSITY SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE SMALL GRANTS

The SGSR, in coordination with the University Senate Research Committee, awards grants in seven categories (including travel to present papers/posters at scholarly conferences) for up to \$2000 per investigator. These awards are made eight times throughout the year: two award cycles remain this academic year with application deadlines in March and April. Application instructions, guidelines, and deadlines can be found on the SGSR website at:

www.iup.edu/research/senateresearchgrants/default.aspx

UNIVERSITY SENATE FELLOWSHIP AWARDS

Although the deadline for this year's competition has passed, it's never too early to start planning for next year. University Senate Fellowship Awards provide up to \$3500 per investigator for, among other things, seed support for projects that may develop into more extensive undertakings eligible for funding from an external source and summer support for faculty members who want to conduct

research or design creative teaching projects. More information about this opportunity can be found on the SGSR website at:

www.iup.edu/research/senateresearchgrants/default.aspx

FACULTY PUBLICATION

Did you know that the SGSR can help off-set the cost of publishing faculty scholarly work? Faculty can apply for up to \$500 to help pay for publication of articles in scholarly journals that pay no royalty or fee to the author. Additional details and application instructions are available on the SGSR website at:

www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=98048

INCIDENTAL RESEARCH

Research projects sometimes hit an unexpected bump and need a little extra financial assistance. The SGSR can provide modest amounts of supplemental funding, typically up to \$300, to help off-set incidental research expenses that occasionally arise.

www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=98048

TRAVEL IN PURSUIT OF EXTERNAL FUNDING

Establishing direct contact with program officers is a detail that faculty

members sometimes overlook when applying for grants. The SGSR can provide modest support for appropriate travel to federal and state agencies and private foundations. Additional details are available at:

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If you have any questions or would like more information about IUP's intramural funding opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact me (hilliary.creely@iup.edu)!

Students: Look for information about funding opportunities just for



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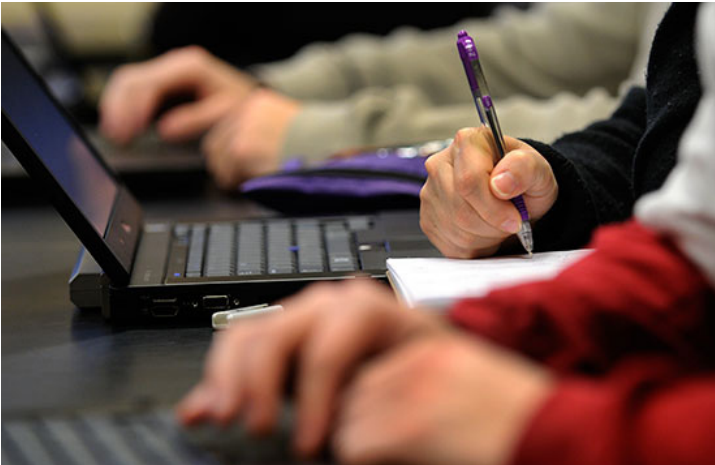
you in the next issue of the SGSR newsletter or on the SRSG website (www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=4695)!

Other Graduate News



New Graduate Program Approved: Master of Arts in Spanish

A fall 2012 start is planned for IUP's recently approved M.A. in Spanish program. The program includes advanced study in the combined areas of foreign language pedagogy, Hispanic literatures and cultures, and Spanish language. This 36-credit program includes two tracks: Applied Linguistics and Pedagogy; and Literatures and Cultures.



Newly Revised MA in Art to Accommodate the Working Professional

As of Summer 2011, the Art Department has revised the delivery of the Master of Arts program to sequence over two consecutive summer residencies with blended on-line courses during the academic year. The newly revised program is designed so that working professionals and art teachers who desire a studio-focused degree can complete their graduate program while maintaining their full-time jobs. Visit www.iup.edu/art for more information.



New Summers-Only Option: M.A. in English, Literature Program

As of Summer 2011, IUP's Department of English will offer a "Summers-Only" option, enabling students to earn their M.A. in English while working full time. Designed specifically with working teachers in mind, summers-only students can take courses during any of the three summer sessions—pre-session (May), summer 1 (June-July), and summer 2 (July-August)--offered in the program. Over 20 courses are offered as part of the summers-only option. Visit www.iup.edu/grad/literature for more information.

Research Appreciation Week Schedule of Events

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2011

Faculty & Staff Poster Session

10:00am-2:00pm

Crimson Event Center, Folger Hall

Sponsored by: IUP Research Institute

- Faculty and staff present current research initiatives through posters and electronic media. The IUP community is invited to attend.

ACPAC Innovation Forum Poster Session

10:00am-2:00pm

Crimson Event Center, Folger Hall

Sponsored by: Academic Computing Policy & Advising Committee (ACPAC)

- Faculty share their exploration of technological innovation research through posters and electronic media. The IUP community is invited to attend and support our researchers.

17th Annual Awards Luncheon

11:00am-1:00pm

Crimson Event Center, Folger Hall

Sponsored by: School of Graduate Studies & Research

- The Awards Luncheon recognizes and celebrates outstanding achievement in sponsored programs and graduate student research. Current project directors, past award winners, and university and community leaders are invited to attend this event.

Women in Mathematics, Science & Technology

Celebration, 5:00-7:00pm

Weyandt Hall (1st Floor)

Sponsored by: College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics

Research Poster Session: 5:00-6:00pm

- Student Awards Ceremony: 6:15pm Join us as we recognize and celebrate research activities and projects of female students and faculty members in the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. Please see www.iup.edu/page.aspx?id=15463 for additional information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011

Undergraduate Scholars Forum

8:00am-4:30pm (HUB)

4:30pm-6:30pm Sprowls Hall

Sponsored by: School of Graduate Studies & Research and President's Office

- The Undergraduate Scholars Forum provides all undergraduate students with the opportunity for scholarly development by presenting their original research, scholarly activities and creative endeavors. The public is invited to attend. Please see www.iup.edu/undergradscholars for additional information.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

Graduate Scholars Forum

9:00am-Noon

Blue Room, Sutton Hall

Sponsored by: School of Graduate Studies & Research

- The inaugural year of the Graduate Scholars Forum provides graduate students with an opportunity to showcase their original scholarship. The Forum will feature a variety of forms of scholarship including research posters and original works of art. The public is invited to attend. Please see www.iup.edu/gradscholars for additional information.

RI Happy Hour

3:00pm-5:00pm

1179 Grant Street, Suite One

Sponsored by: IUP Research Institute

- **LET'S TALK RESEARCH!** Stop in to chat with the RI staff in an informal setting. While you are here, enjoy the snacks and try our signature drink "The PI" (commonly known as Sweet Tea)!

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2011

Centers and Institutes Breakfast

7:30am-9:00am

Blue Room, Sutton Hall

Sponsored by: School of Graduate Studies and Research

- Centers and Institutes directors and staff are invited to attend and be recognized for their outstanding research and public service during this annual event.

Graduate Student Grant Workshop

10:00am-11:00am

Susquehanna Room, HUB

Sponsored by: School of Graduate Studies and Research

Presenter: John Hepler, Graduate Asst., SGSR & English Doctoral Student

- External funding is available to graduate students through a variety of sources. This workshop will provide a demonstration of internet databases where IUP students can research funding resources. Please email j.c.hepler@iup.edu to reserve a space in this workshop.

Applied Research Laboratory Workshop

12:30pm-2:00pm

Stabley Library, 201

Sponsored by: Applied Research Laboratory

Presenters: Tim Nuttle, ARL Coordinator; Adam Clark and Joshua Smallridge, ARL Graduate Assistants

- AMOS is a program for Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) provided by SPSS. SEM is a way to test and estimate causal relationships using statistical data and qualitative causal assumptions. Watch your email for workshop details and registration information.

SGSR Staff Wins “Golden Mouse” Award

Following a redesign of the Research website (www.iup.edu/research) completed earlier in the winter, the Research team of Hilliary Creely, Jean Serio, and Paula Stossel shared the Golden Mouse Award for January 2011 as Web Maintainers of the Month.

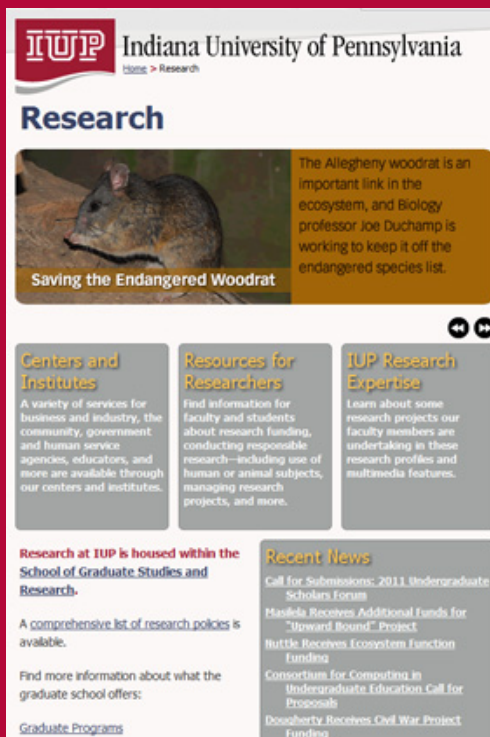
Major goals of the redesign were to make research a larger part of IUP’s identity, better connect the public to IUP’s research expertise, and help faculty members find the information they need to conduct funded research.

The team’s work on the redesign started in the summer with identification of the site’s goals, audiences, and tasks; completion of a competitive analysis of other research sites; review of the existing site’s content inventory; and creation of user personas for the Research website.

The new site highlights IUP’s centers and institutes and faculty research expertise as important resources for external audiences. Specific research projects are highlighted in Research Profiles, a section that will grow over time.

For faculty and student researchers, the key section is *Resources for Researchers*, which brings together all of IUP’s online research resources into a single place. The new arrangement of these resources is based on research done with faculty and staff members.

In late November, Research was promoted to one of the seven top-level sections of the IUP website. So far, analytics suggest that the redesign is paying off, with an increase in traffic ranging from 763 percent to 1,079 percent, depending on the comparison period.



Counseling Department Program Expansion

The Department of Counseling is expanding and will now offer two full-time daytime graduate programs: one in Secondary School Counseling on IUP’s main campus, and one in Community Counseling at the Monroeville Graduate and Professional Center.

This expansion builds upon the successful evening-only programs offered by the Counseling Department and provides additional options for prospective students to pursue their degree. Recruiting efforts for all department programs are well underway for Summer and Fall 2011 with an application deadline of March 4.

Prospective applicants for the Indiana campus are encouraged to contact Dr. Claire Dandeneau, chairperson of the department, at claire.dandeneau@iup.edu. Those interested in the Monroeville Professional Center location can contact Dr. Robert Witchel at robert.witchel@iup.edu.

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