



The Advisor Advocate

IUP Research Institute

The Research Institute (RI) encourages, promotes, and supports research projects across campus. The RI is a separate, private, nonprofit that works with the university to find funding for the various projects we do. The institute works with a variety of funding agencies, including:

- National Geographic
- National Science Foundation
- PA State System of Higher Education
- Department of Education
- National Institute of Health
- US Department of Labor
- US Forestry Service
- Department of the Interior



According to the [Annual Grantsmanship Report](#), during the 2019/2020 financial year over \$8,000,000 was awarded to IUP. Federal and State funding made up 70% of awarded money. The RI has a number of resources available to help researchers pursue and manage externally-funded projects and connect with potential sponsors.

Finding and Applying for Funding

Use the [Wiki](#) to search for grants and funding opportunities, submit proposals, and manage funding. Other helpful resources include: grant writing tips, managing project quality, and budget spending do's & don'ts.

The Principle Investigator (PI) is accountable for the project and compliance with applicable laws/policies. According to the [PI Handbook](#), to be eligible to serve as PI one must be:

- *Full-time, tenure track faculty*
Temporary faculty or full and associate professors may serve with approval of Dean of SGSR and the Provost
- *Doctoral students* "seeking funding for fellowships, tuition, or support of research leading to the dissertation," but a full-time tenure track faculty should be named co-PI when allowed
- *Others* if approved by the appropriate offices and people (see handbook for details)



Helpful People

Staff at the RI can help IUP researchers with everything from finding funding to managing those projects!

Once you receive your award, [Grant/Contract Specialists](#) help with hiring staff, graduate students, or undergraduate workers. They work to purchase supplies, modify budgets, manage sponsored compliance requirements, among many other things.

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