***Indiana University of Pennsylvania***

***Fiscal Year 2024-2025***

***Annual Grantsmanship Report***

***Externally Sponsored Awards***

***July 1, 2024 – June 30, 20245***

**IUP Research Institute**

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Sponsored Projects

“Points of Pride” from FY2025

Fiscal Year 2024–2025 marked another exceptional year for Indiana University of Pennsylvania’s research enterprise. The university community achieved historic milestones in sponsored activities, proposal submissions, and national recognition.

* $18.3 million in externally sponsored activity funding — the second highest in IUP history.
* $40 million in sponsored activity proposals — a new institutional record.
* Two prestigious Carnegie classifications:
* • R2 (High Research Activity) – reaffirmed reclassification.
* • Opportunity College & University (OCU) – recognizing IUP’s commitment to access and excellence.

These accomplishments reflect the collective dedication of IUP’s faculty, staff, and students to scholarship, discovery, and innovation. Each proposal submitted and award received advances IUP’s mission to create meaningful impact—locally, nationally, and globally.

***Who or what is the IUP Research Institute (RI) and what, exactly, is our role?*** We are YOUR “Office of Sponsored Research” and work collaboratively with key offices and IUP personnel. IUP administration created the Research Institute in 2004 to help facilitate and grow the sponsored research activity on campus. We were created BY you FOR you!

The Mission of the IUP Research Institute is to advance the research agenda and educational objectives of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and partner institutions in the PASSHE and to promote greater collaborations across the system. The IUP RI provides a full range of pre- and post-award services designed to provide support for University researchers. The IUP RI is governed by an independent Board of Directors which is responsible for upholding the Institute’s Articles of Incorporation, By-Laws, and the principles set forth in the Affiliation Agreement with the University. The Board is composed of appointed University representatives and local community business leaders.

Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the IUP RI jointly administer external funds. The IUP RI is a 501c (3) organization that operates independently for the benefit of Indiana University of Pennsylvania, under the terms of the Affiliation Agreement.

The team of 10 individuals at the IUP RI, collectively, hold a myriad of professional certifications and expertise and hold membership in professional organizations. We have individuals who focus primarily on the pre award (identifying funding opportunities, developing proposals and budgets, managing the review and approval processes, and navigating a variety of submission portals and processes), post award (contract review and negotiations, budget modifications, no cost extensions, purchasing and travel regulations, technical and fiscal reporting, and award closeout. Our team consists of Certified Research Administrators (with a focus on pre, post, and fiscal research administration) and we attend and actively participate in professional organizations like the Society for Research Administrators, the National Council of University Research Administrators, the National Organization for Research Development Professionals, and the University Connected Research Foundation.

In addition to serving as IUP’s Office of Sponsored Research, the IUP RI provides these same services to sister PASSHE institutions, Commonwealth University and Pennsylvania Western University. Our primary goal of these partnerships is to connect researchers from across the State (or at least these 7 campuses) and facilitate collaborative grant proposals.

The IUP RI works diligently to ensure proposals submitted are of the highest possible quality, while adhering to standard operating procedures. The IUP RI helps to ensure the proposal meets agency guidelines, meets applicable federal, state, and university pre-requisites, requires reasonable university support, and that the budget and scope of work are consistent, and have been appropriately reviewed and authorized by IUP and IUPRI administrative entities.

To promote post-award success, upon award receipt, the IUP RI facilitates a “kick-off” meeting with the Principal Investigator to discuss and review the mechanics of how to efficiently execute the scope of work. Compliance with federal, state, and university policies and regulations are emphasized. These meetings may include members from administration, grants accounting, purchasing, human resources, and any other areas pertinent to successful outcomes. These “kick-off” meetings assist the researcher in understanding basic requirements such as purchasing equipment, grant-funded graduate assistantships, and processing summer compensation or academic year releases.

Staying up to date with federal, state, and other agency compliance requirements for sponsored activities is one of the most important responsibilities of the IUP RI. To assist IUP in this function, the IUP RI requires staff to participate in at least one professional organization conference per year.

The IUP RI team is committed to continuous improvements to ensure researchers receive the most efficient and compliant assistance with their research endeavors. Policies, procedures, and workflow are under continual review and are modified as needed to accommodate changes to the Uniform Guidance and best practice initiatives.

External funding represents additional resources to IUP, our researchers (faculty and staff), our students, and to the larger community to include Indiana County, the State of Pennsylvania, and well beyond. Research done at or by its researchers impacts communities world-wide including Germany, Honduras, China, Guatemala, Mallorca, and Taiwan. IUP is one of only 93 public universities designated as a R2 by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and this past year reaffirms our place in this prestigious club. How did IUP make this success a reality? At the core of our research infrastructure and successes are the exceptional faculty, staff, and students who work diligently to write proposals and successfully manage the post award activities and deliverables. Research really is part of our DNA at IUP!

As with anything, growth requires a healthy, fertile environment and an investment in time and resources. This is where the research infrastructure at IUP excels. This past year IUP re-envisioned the research infrastructure and consolidated the ‘research-related’ offices and divisions and created the office of “Research and Innovation”. Under the leadership of the Vice Provost for Research, this collaboration allows the IUP RI to partner directly with the IUP Libraries, Office of Research Compliance, and the myriad of research support services each offers. At IUP, we believe the researchers should have the support needed to ensure their success – we work diligently, behind the scenes, to allow them to have time and resources needed to complete their deliverables knowing there are experts to help ensure overall compliance with purchases, invoicing, fiscal reporting, and financial accountability. That’s our job!

A strong dedication to scholarly growth, academic excellence, and a renewed focus on student success have been key to this year’s growth and success. These commitments have proven remarkable returns on our investments. THANK YOU to all the researchers, research team members, leadership, and students who have helped make this year so memorable.

This Annual Report of Externally Sponsored Activities summarizes externally funded grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements for the year of **July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025**. This report is designed to recognize IUP faculty and staff members who dedicate their time, talents, and expertise to seek and receive external funds for their research, teaching, and creative activities. These accomplishments represent the outstanding commitment on the part of faculty and staff to advance the research, teaching, and public service missions of the University through external funding.

A multitude of offices, divisions, people, and efforts contribute to the success of research endeavors at IUP. Any comments, questions, or requests regarding this report should be directed to Dr. Tracy Eisenhower, Executive Director at tracye@iup.edu or 724-357-2223.

“Research is the process of going up alleys to see if they are blind.” – Marston Bates

**IUP Sponsored Activity Awards:**

**2-year comparison**

**FY2334 to FY2425**

**Awards by Originating Funding Source**

IUP received 43% of its award dollars from the federal government ($7,896,846), with the U.S. Department of Agriculture ranking as the top federal funder at $4,767,631. The Occupational and Safety and Health Administration came in second at $1,894,900. The federal and state agencies combined ($16,936,357) account for 92% of IUP’s externally sponsored funding in FY2425.

The top five agencies to fund IUP for FY2425 are:

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| Agency  | Award |
| U.S. Department of AgriculturePA Dept of Community & Economic DevlPA Game CommissionOccupational Safety & Health AdminPA Department of Transportation | $4,767,631$4,000,000$2,107,474$1,894,900$1,252,391 |
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**FEDERAL AWARDS**

Nine (9) unique researchers received 12 federal awards from 10 different federal agencies for a total of $7,896,846 in FY2425.

**FEDERAL & STATE AWARDS (Combined) Comparison**

**IUP FY Comparisons *Q4 (July 1 – July 31)***

**PROPOSALS SUBMITTED by deadline date**

* **$10.7 million above our all-time high in FY2223**

**AWARDS REC’D by project start date; obligated value**

* **$5.3 million above FY2324 and only $1.5 below our all-time high in FY2223**

**IUP’s Million Dollar Club for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

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| Kopchick College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics | $ 10,113,398 |
| Department of Biology | $ 6,777,140  |
| Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine  | $ 4,000,000 |
| College of Education and Human Services | $ 2,277,384 |
| Administration & Leadership Studies & Training Center | $ 2,178,053 |

Five (5) units on campus boast the honor of membership in “IUP’s Million Dollar Club” for FY2425.



Colleges, Departments, Divisions, and Centers/Institutes are included individually in the “Million Dollar Club” to fully recognize all researchers contributing to the overall success of IUP’s research portfolio. Therefore, for this specific chart, Departments and Centers & Institutes dollars are included in their respective college totals as well.



**IUP’s Top 10**

**Awards for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

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| 1. Larkin, Jeffrey: NRCS
 | $4,267,631 |
|  Sponsor: U.S. Department of Agriculture |  |
| 1. Rose, Miko; Proposed College of Osteopathic Medicine
 | **$4,000,000** |
|  Sponsor: PA Dept of Community & Economic Development |  |
| 1. Larkin, Jeffrey; Wildlife Habitat PA State Parks
 | **$2,107,474** |
|  Sponsor: PA Game Commission |  |
| 1. Mulroy, John; Occupational Safety & Health Administration Consults
 | **$1,894,900** |
|  Sponsor: Occupational Safety & Health Administration |  |
| 1. Vaccaro, Christian; DBE Methodology, Inline Correction & Goals
 | **$1,090,699** |
|  Sponsor: PA Department of Transportation |  |
| 1. Orth, Robert/Vaccaro, Christian; DBE Methodology, Inline Corrections & Goals
 | **$1,082,555** |
|  Sponsor: PA Commission on Crime & Delinquency |  |
| 1. Farag, Waleed/Soundararajan, Ezekiel; Cyber Scholarships
 | **$ 859,374** |
|  Sponsor: U.S. Department of Defense |  |
| 1. Hanauer, David; Science Education Alliance
 | **$ 659,998** |
|  Sponsor: Howard Hughes Medical Institute |  |
| 1. Fitzsimons, Debra; Culinary Building; Punxsutawney
 | **$ 500,000** |
|  Sponsor: U.S. Department of Agriculture |  |
| 1. Chadwick, William; Historical & Archaeological Inventories
 | **$ 350,000** |
|  Sponsor: PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources |  |

Congratulations to

 IUP’s “Top 10”!

**Awards**

**Academic Colleges/Divisions**

**Awards by Award Type**

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| **Contracts** | **$2,419,515** |
| **Cooperative Agreements** | **$9,082,475** |
| **Grants** | **$6,870,518** |

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| Sponsored Awards by Originating Source | $ Award Value |
| Anonymous | $ 6,000 |
| American Bird Conservancy | $ 50,183 |
| Amish Heritage Foundation | $ 4,800 |
| Appalachian Regional Commission | $ 8,000 |
| Association of PA State College and University Faculties | $ 1,500 |
| Center for Rural PA | $ 15,000 |
| E2 Project Management | $ 5,948 |
| Environmental Defense Fund | $ 5,908 |
| Friends of Camp Security | $ 26,722 |
| Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank | $ 10,000 |
| Health Resource Services Administration | $217,997 |
| Howard Hughes Medical Institute | $659,998 |
| Hyndman Area Health Center | $ 29,206 |
| Indiana Area School District | $ 91,986 |
| National Fish and Wildlife Foundation | $314,852 |
| National Park Service | $ 13,622 |
| Occupational Safety and Health Administration | $1,894,900 |
| Parkinson Voice Project | $ 27,500 |
| PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency | $1,082,555 |
| PA Council on the Arts | $ 97,500 |
| PA Dept of Community and Economic Development | $4,000,000 |
| PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources | $ 350,000 |
| PA Department of Education | $ 42,000 |
| PA Department of Labor and Industry | $ 32,500 |
| PA Department of Transportation | $1,252,391 |
| PA Game Commission | $2,107,474 |
| PA Liquor Control Board | $ 50,000 |
| PA State System of Higher Education | $ 41,538 |
| Rosebud Mining | $ 34,962 |
| Ruffed Grouse Society | $ 6,000 |
| South Carolina Department of Natural Resources | $ 10,091 |
| U.S. Department of Agriculture | $4,767,631 |
| U.S. Department of Defense | $ 859,374 |
| U.S. Department of Education | $ 99,330 |
| U.S. Department of Justice | $ 4,992 |
| U.S Fish and Wildlife Service | $ 31,000 |
| GRAND TOTAL | **$18,372,509** |