# Fundraising Priorities for the Kopchick College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Our college is dedicated to fueling academic excellence, advancing scientific research, and empowering the next generation of scientists and mathematicians. When you support the following projects, you are not only helping the Kopchick College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics become a well-recognized and respected hub for STEM education, research, and innovation—you are contributing to breakthroughs and discoveries that will change the lives of our students and the world around us.







### Student Research Grants

Goal: \$250,000 endowment

Research grants fuel student discovery by funding undergraduate research projects, allowing students to explore their scientific passions, test ideas, and gain invaluable hands-on experience. These experiences sharpen problem-solving skills, and prepare students to contribute meaningfully to their fields as future scientists and innovators. These grants don't only fund research, they launch student careers.

Your Impact: You ignite students' passions by providing handson learning experiences for them to make real, innovative contributions and to become leaders in their fields.

## Kopchick Science on Display

Goal: \$40,000

Impactful physical and digital showcases of student research both inspire and encourage others, as well as demonstrate the pride we have in their professional work and futures. These exhibits bring science out of the lab and into daily life, sparking curiosity in every student, visitor, and community member. With your support, we can create dynamic, interactive digital displays that make science accessible, exciting, and relevant to all, while showcasing the amazing work of our Crimson Hawks.

Your Impact: You share and recognize our pride in student research. You help connect, encourage, and educate other Crimson Hawks and community members, while casting a well-deserved and public spotlight on the work of our most dedicated and passionate students.

# Kopchick College Endowed Research Fellows

Goal: \$2 million endowment

The Endowed Research Fellows Program is a transformative investment in the future of scientific discovery at IUP and beyond. With sustained funding from donors like you, IUP will attract and retain top-tier Researcher to pursue high-impact projects, advance knowledge, and drive groundbreaking discoveries across disciplines.

An endowed program ensures long-term financial stability, creating groundbreaking opportunities for faculty and graduate studies to engage in transformative research — without the constant pressure and additional time to secure external grants. Consequently, faculty and students can focus fully on the research that can change lives and secure breakthroughs. The endowment also supports a partial release from teaching for faculty, a small stipend to support research students, travel costs to attend professional conferences, and publication costs. This empowers our faculty and students to dive into their research without external distractions.

**Your Impact**: You will empower our College to spark groundbreaking research and education, make lasting scientific contributions, enhance the educational experience of our students who go on to shape the future of STEM fields.

# Do you prefer to make an impact through scholarships?

To endow a scholarship, a minimum contribution of \$25,000 is required, while a minimum of \$5,000 is needed for current-use scholarships. Contributions can be pledged and paid over a five-year period.







# Research Equipment Support

Goal: \$100,000 annually or \$3 million endowed

Research experiences are essential for enhancing hands-on learning, helping Crimson Hawks develop practical skills and a deeper understanding of their disciplines. Our students need advanced research equipment for their research experiences to soar. With access to the best equipment and innovations, IUP students will keep pace with other universities and be prepared to make an excellent and immediate impact in their professional fields.

Your Impact: You will strengthen IUP programs to be more robust, accessible, and aligned with cutting-edge innovations, helping our students dive into research with the best support and equipment, and foster them as future leaders with a global impact.

### College Research Van Fleet

Goal: \$75,000 each

Field-based research is one of the most impactful educational experiences, allowing students to navigate real-world challenges and put their problem-solving skills to the test. Research vans are essential for this endeavor. They allow students to collect environmental data, visit geological sites, and enable low-cost travel to career fairs and conferences. Your support ensures that no student facing financial obstacles is barred from conducting the research they love and that furthers their education.

**Your Impact**: Your gift ensures our students' practical experience, expands their professional networks, and broadens their horizons. Additionally, corporate logos can be a public expression of your support of our research fleet vehicles.

# Dean's Innovation Fund

Goal: \$25,000 annually or \$775,000 endowed

The Dean's Innovation Fund is an investment—in the future of our College's academic and scientific excellence, in our students as they navigate new opportunities, in transformative research that showcases IUP's impact, and in new educational initiatives that inspire both students and faculty. Your support allows the Dean to strategically allocate funds to high-impact projects that might not yet be eligible for traditional grants or funding streams, enabling our College to stay at the forefront of innovation. It's a true investment in our College's future and what we are capable of accomplishing together.

Your Impact: Your contribution fuels the College's mission to inspire discovery, advance knowledge, and cultivate future leaders in STEM. You will drive research breakthroughs and maintain IUP's competitive edge in the rapidly evolving landscape of science and technology.

# Snavely Student Professional Development

Goal: \$500,000 (\$250,000 already pledged)

The Snavely Endowment for Student Professional Development is a source of student empowerment. This funds student opportunities to engage and interact with the broader scientific community through participating in professional conferences and traveling to internship research sites. The impact of these hands-on opportunities cannot be overstated —they connect students to the experiences that shape their professional futures.

Your Impact: You build connections among IUP students and the broader scientific community, helping to strengthen bonds that bring us bigger breakthroughs in all scientific fields.