

Fundraising Priorities for the University College

The University College plays a vital role in advancing IUP's legacy of student success. As a resource for the entire campus, our dedicated staff and faculty guide students through the many life-changing opportunities available to them. The College also ensures students' access to resources like food, supplies, and other critical necessities. When you contribute to the University College, you expand the reach of transformative opportunities, supporting students in shaping their future paths, and ensuring every student feels valued as a member of the IUP family.



Career Connections Fund

Goal: \$100,000 endowment

The Career Connections Fund ensures IUP students can access meaningful, hands-on learning opportunities that prepare them for life after graduation. Your gift removes financial barriers so students can participate in internships, site visits, and career-building events that connect classroom learning to real-world experience.

For many—especially first-generation students—these opportunities are life-changing. You make it possible for them to explore careers, build networks, and gain the confidence they need to succeed.

Your Impact: Your support transforms education into opportunity.

Professional Success Fund

Goal: \$100,000

The Professional Success Fund equips students with the tools, resources, and confidence they need to take advantage of opportunities like internships, site visits, and networking events. While the Career Connections Fund opens doors to these experiences, the Professional Success Fund ensures students are ready to walk through them.

This fund supports mentoring sessions, wardrobe assistance, etiquette dinners, and the IUP Professional Clothing Career Closet—practical resources that prepare students to present themselves with professionalism and poise.

Your Impact: Your gift to the Professional Success Fund is a vote of confidence in our students. You provide the skills and resources that empower them to succeed, turning opportunity into achievement.

Technology Support Fund

Goal: \$250,000 endowment

The Technology Support Fund ensures IUP students have access to enhance their education and professional opportunities through software like ReadSpeaker, a text-to-speech tool that elevates learner engagement and accessibility. When integrated with IUP's online teaching platform, students can listen to their work, articles, or notes, adjusting the pace to suit their needs. The fund also supports the maintenance of existing amenities like the College's Professional Photo Booth which provides students with professional headshots for LinkedIn profiles, portfolios, and company websites, helping them represent themselves and IUP with professionalism and poise at every turn.

Your Impact: You equip students with accessible technology to boost their learning habits and elevate their professional profiles, helping them feel more confident in the classroom and on the job site.

Dean's Innovation Fund

Goal: \$25,000

The Dean's Innovation Fund for the University College is a lifeline of hope for students. The Innovation Fund provides access to opportunities and necessities, like food and supplies. No IUP student is ever alone, and the Dean's Innovation Fund is a crucial way to show up for and support our students through thick and thin.

Your Impact: You ensure students never need to go to bed hungry or worry about not affording a textbook but rather focus on their IUP education.

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.



Honors College Achievement Fund

Goal: \$25,000 endowment

Honors College students push themselves to new heights of success, both in and out of the classroom. Scholarships grant these high-achievers additional learning opportunities, such as studying abroad, attending professional conferences, and internships. Past scholarships have empowered students to participate in research in Madagascar, travel and learn across Europe, participate in impactful service projects, and much more. These experiential learning experiences help IUP students soar with confidence and wisdom.

Your Impact: You help high-achieving Crimson Hawks participate in once-in-a-lifetime learning opportunities that enrich their IUP and professional success.

Faculty & Staff Life Design Training Fund

Goal: \$50,000 endowment

The University College is fully dedicated to helping students create a career and life that is meaningful, coherent, and fulfilling. Life Design training provides mindsets, tools, and activities to help students clarify their next steps, seek career opportunities, test out interests through internships, volunteer work, and learning projects, and much more. Life Design principles have been embedded in the First Year Learning (FLY) course that all incoming students take as part of IUP's Crimson Core. This fund provides an opportunity for additional faculty and staff to be trained through Stanford's Life Design Studio and for trained faculty and staff to participate in ongoing training for successful and sustainable programming.

Your Impact: Your support guides students through a creative and empowering process that helps them assess what matters most to them and ways to seize opportunities to create a life brimming with meaning.

Students with Disabilities Support Fund

Goal: \$125,000 endowment

Each semester, Disability Access and Advising (D2A2) invites compassionate student volunteers to serve as notetakers for a classmate with a documented disability—whether learning, physical, sensory, mental health-related, or medical. By sharing their class notes, these volunteers do more than provide information—they open doors to opportunity and empower their peers to thrive academically.

Their generosity of time, focus, and care makes a lasting difference. At the end of each semester, we offer our volunteer notetakers a \$50 Co-Op Store gift card as a small token of our gratitude—though the true value of their impact is immeasurable.

Your Impact: Your support encourages IUP students to continue to showcase daily compassion and generosity toward their peers.