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IUPUI Receives \$2 Million to Expand State, National Science and Technology Talent Pool

A \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis is targeted to boost the number of students graduating with bachelor's degrees in science, technology, engineering and mathematics by 10 percent.

The funding is designed to encourage more students, including those who begin their college education in a local community college, to embark on careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) and to provide those students with the support needed to achieve this goal. With this award, IUPUI hopes to increase STEM degrees to an additional 782 undergraduates by 2015.

Retention and persistence to graduation are particularly challenging for STEM students at urban universities such as IUPUI that enroll a diverse blend of students, including first generation college students, full and part-time students, and older students, as well as a growing number of traditional students. Many begin their studies at a community college that may lack courses necessary to prepare for a STEM major.



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