Priorities

Indiana University Bloomington is a research campus of the highest order. OVPR is committed to developing greater collaborative interdisciplinary research opportunities for faculty, between schools and across centers and institutes. To further strengthen the campus’s research enterprise, OVPR advances the following priorities:

**Priority 1: Create opportunities for faculty to develop and grow their research and creative activities.** We especially aim to use OVPR resources and facilities including centers and institutes to support faculty efforts to successfully compete for external funding, especially large, multidisciplinary grants that call for collaborations within and across disciplines. We will do this through our seed funding programs and educational workshops.

**Priority 2: Build more laboratory space.** Realizing the research potential of IU Bloomington requires sufficient capacity of knowledge, but also of physical space. We are working at capacity in laboratory animal and model organism research areas. Our campus needs a new Lab Animal Resources Center that will enable the best practices of lab research as campus research expands in areas such as neuroscience, cancer biology, and public health.

**Priority 3: Expand collaborative research space for the social sciences.** IU Bloomington has a long history of distinguished social sciences research, but this research is scattered and inadequately housed on our campus. OVPR’s goal is to renovate and develop Eigenmann Hall as central facility for social sciences research to provide support for large-scale grants and stimulate multidisciplinary research.

**Priority 4: Create new Media Preservation Center.** An extensive Media Preservation Survey has catalogued the unique array of special collections housed on our campus. The report’s overall conclusion is that we have a preservation crisis when it comes to audio and moving image media. To address this crisis before it is too late, several campus units are collaborating to establish a Media Preservation Center that will pursue massive and rapid digitization of the campus’s archival treasures over the next 10 years.

**Priority 5: Increase opportunities for basic research in the physical sciences.** The reorganization of the Indiana University Cyclotron Facility and the development of the new Center for the Exploration of Energy and Matter offer opportunities for great impact on physical sciences research at IU Bloomington. CEEM will focus on basic research, with special attention to inquiry-based research in nuclear, condensed matter, and accelerator-based physics under the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, while the cyclotron’s operations in cancer treatment will be maintained under the auspices of the IU School of Medicine.
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