

Welcoming Campus INNOVATOR



INNOVATION FUND TALKING POINTS

- Chancellor Paydar announced the \$1 million Welcoming Campus Innovation Fund in his 2016 State of the Campus Address. This fund provides internal grants of up to \$25,000, with a match by the proposing unit, to support implementation of recommendations emerging from the Welcoming Campus Initiative, specifically related to these overarching themes:
 - Communicating Who We Are
 - Creating a Vibrant and Inclusive Student Experience
 - Designing an Accessible, Inspiring Urban Campus
 - Engaging and Integrating with the Community
 - Investing in Faculty and Staff
- The fund is designed to support collaborative, sustainable projects proposed by IUPUI faculty, staff, and students that help make IUPUI a destination campus that supports the highest levels of achievement across campus, a principle aim of the IUPUI Welcoming Campus Initiative
- In the inaugural round of funding, fifty-seven full proposals were submitted, each of which reflected the positive spirit of improvement and success that has driven the Welcoming Campus Initiative from the very beginning. IUPUI awarded funding to twenty-four Welcoming Campus Innovator projects, totaling nearly \$500,000 in awards.
- Welcoming Campus Innovator projects will be showcased during the IUPUI 50th Anniversary celebration, taking place from July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2019. Innovators will be documenting their projects to facilitate highlighting the difference their project has made in the lives of those at IUPUI.
- In Fall 2017, preparations will begin for the second round of Welcoming Campus Innovator funding with an emphasis on those projects that contribute to the IUPUI campus's 50th Anniversary celebration.