

Academic Plan - Excellence in Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity

Major Initiative: Signature Centers

2008 Update

In January 2007, 19 Signature Center proposals (from 81 applicants) received awards that guaranteed \$5.7 million in flexible funding – supported equally between the IUPUI central administration and the grantees' academic units. Several of these Centers have already demonstrated success in securing external research funds, and progress of the others will be closely monitored through routine assessments to ensure that resources are invested strategically. In January 2008, another 10 proposals for Signature Centers (from 54 applicants) received \$3 million in funding. The Signature Centers define many of IUPUI's areas of excellence and will serve as a powerful recruiting tool for talented faculty and students. They should also be very useful in fundraising, since they offer excellent ways of attracting donor support.