

The IU Student Foundation Leadership Program

The IU Student Foundation has always developed leaders. Now, we'll do it even better.

In the early days, leadership skills were a by-product of having to get things done. Later, helping students develop those skills became a stated goal—but focused mostly on members of the Steering Committee.

Today, IUSF is committed to developing leaders across its entire membership. For each class year, we've designed programs and activities—some old standards, others new—that will build specific professional skills. These experiences are structured to build on and reinforce each another, so the longer a student stays involved, the stronger his or her leadership abilities will be.

We've taken our earlier practices and formalized them, improved their quality, and increased their effectiveness. We've entered into partnerships with other organizations on campus. And we've proposed new initiatives that, given sufficient endowment support, will add materially to our students' skill sets.

The goal is simple. Every student, regardless of how long they stay with IUSF, should feel that they have grown. Those who stick with us, however, will get the most benefit. They will become team players with strong professional competence, refined communication and networking skills, and a lifelong spirit of giving back.

Your support of the IUSF endowment will strengthen our leadership programs in critical ways. A robust endowment will help us with initiatives like:

- Enriching the annual Steering Committee events, such as the fall team-building retreat and the spring alumni-networking event in Chicago.
- Increasing the number of students IUSF sends to the Hoosier LeaderShape Institute, a renowned six-day training program designed for emerging leaders.
- Offering more workshops and speaker series that foster career and personal development, teambuilding, and motivation, and opening them up to all of our students, not just Steering Committee members.
- Adding new programming, such as a freshman and new member orientation and/or a Senior Challenge summit.
- Sponsoring an IUSF junior in a fall-semester study abroad program.
- Offering “learning laboratory grants,” where students with creative ideas can apply to fund a worthwhile new initiative for IUSF.

In short, you can help enrich and expand a vibrant environment where IU students gain real-world experiences and the opportunity to grow, both personally and professionally. What’s more, your gift will instill future generations with a lifelong commitment to giving back. Please support the IUSF endowment.