

RISE

to the IUPUI Challenge



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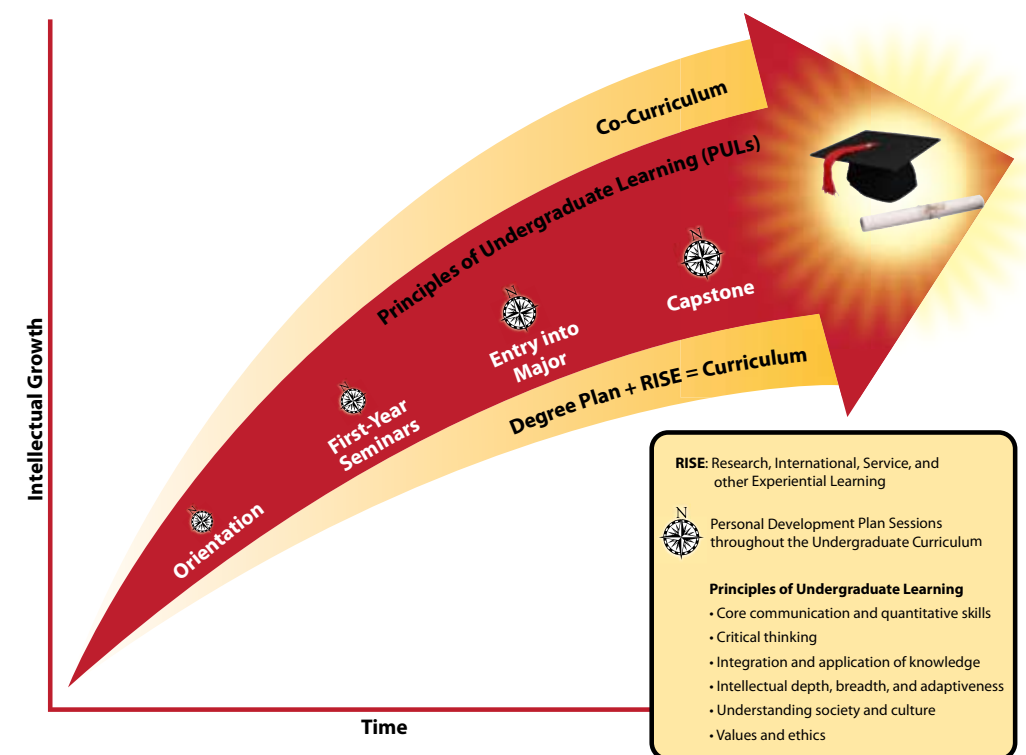
is an integral part of the
“My IUPUI Experience”

The RISE to the IUPUI Challenge initiative engages students more deeply in their learning and contributes to their intellectual and professional development in unique ways. Each undergraduate student is challenged to include at least two of the four RISE experiences — research, international, service learning, and experiential learning — into their degree programs.

The RISE to the IUPUI Challenge initiative enhances the teaching and learning process that occurs during formal classroom coursework. The initiative builds on IUPUI’s long tradition and commitment to experiential learning. Each RISE category incorporates qualified experiences, integration of knowledge, reflection, and assessment, and will be documented on students’ transcripts.

The IUPUI undergraduate educational experience is distinctive because it intentionally uses experiential learning to prepare students for graduate school, careers, and citizenship. It provides skills, knowledge, and experiences that are highly prized by employers and establishes the foundation for future leaders.

- Students’ undergraduate experiences at IUPUI include continuous intellectual growth and they graduate as better-prepared citizens of the world.
- Students begin to create their personal development plans, which guide them through their experience at IUPUI, and during new student orientation. They continually adapt their plans as they evolve throughout their undergraduate experience.
- Students develop competence in the principles of undergraduate learning — core communication and quantitative skills; critical thinking; integration and application of knowledge; intellectual depth, breadth, and adaptiveness; and values and ethics — through curricular and co-curricular activities.



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R = Research

IUPUI is a place where students can become involved in research projects that range from fuel-cell technology and biomedical engineering to the impact of homelessness on our society and combating online identity theft. At the state's urban research campus, IUPUI students have numerous opportunities for conducting research that leads to new knowledge.

Key IUPUI strengths and achievements in research:

- IUPUI led all Indiana campuses in external research funding in FY 2007-08 at \$303 million.
- The campus has invested \$3 million annually in the Signature Centers Initiative, which supports collaborative, multidisciplinary areas of distinctive research strength.
- Twenty schools and academic units, representing both Purdue University (including Science and Engineering & Technology) and Indiana University (including Liberal Arts, Law, Nursing, Business, Dentistry, and Medicine) on one campus, create a rich environment for research productivity.
- *U.S. News and World Report* recognized IUPUI Undergraduate Research as a "Program to Watch" in 2007.

"Being able to do laboratory research has allowed me to learn more than I would in any class; there, I am able to put together all aspects of my education to accomplish something that can be of use in the real world."

— Jordan Jenkins

Freshman biology major Jordan Jenkins assists in the research of oral biology faculty member, Jack Wondor, IU School of Dentistry



I = International

Employers are increasingly looking for graduates with competencies related to different cultures and languages. IUPUI is rapidly expanding the opportunities for students to study abroad, participate in collaborative programs with one of our partner institutions in other countries, and learn from international students on our campus.

Key IUPUI strengths and achievements in international experiences:

- IUPUI has strategic international partnerships with Moi University in Kenya, the University of Hidalgo in Mexico, and Sun-Yat Sen University in China and received the 2009 Institute of International Education's Andrew Heiskell Award for Innovation in International Education for our International Exchange Partnerships.
- The number of students engaged in study abroad is steadily rising, and is currently about 400 students.
- The School of Liberal Arts is home to a Confucius Institute, which is designed to promote the teaching of Chinese language and culture in central Indiana and facilitate mutual understanding between the peoples of China and the United States.
- The School of Nursing is designated a World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Healthy Cities, engaging in research, education, and community development efforts related to community-wide health promotion partnerships.
- IUPUI targets scholarships specifically for study abroad, and fundraising for international study is an IU priority.

"My experience in the Dominican Republic was phenomenal. I learned so much about my own country, that I can now face other cultures and still know who I am. The streets that I once walked on when I was a child now have a more sentimental value to me. I am prouder than before, because now I know what happened on those streets. Thanks to this learning experience, I am more confident about my heritage."

— Francina Tejada

Francina teaches school children in the Dominican Republic.



"This service learning opportunity not only gave me hands-on career experience, but it also taught me how to relate and encourage the people we are working with at Fit for Life."

— Allison Plopper

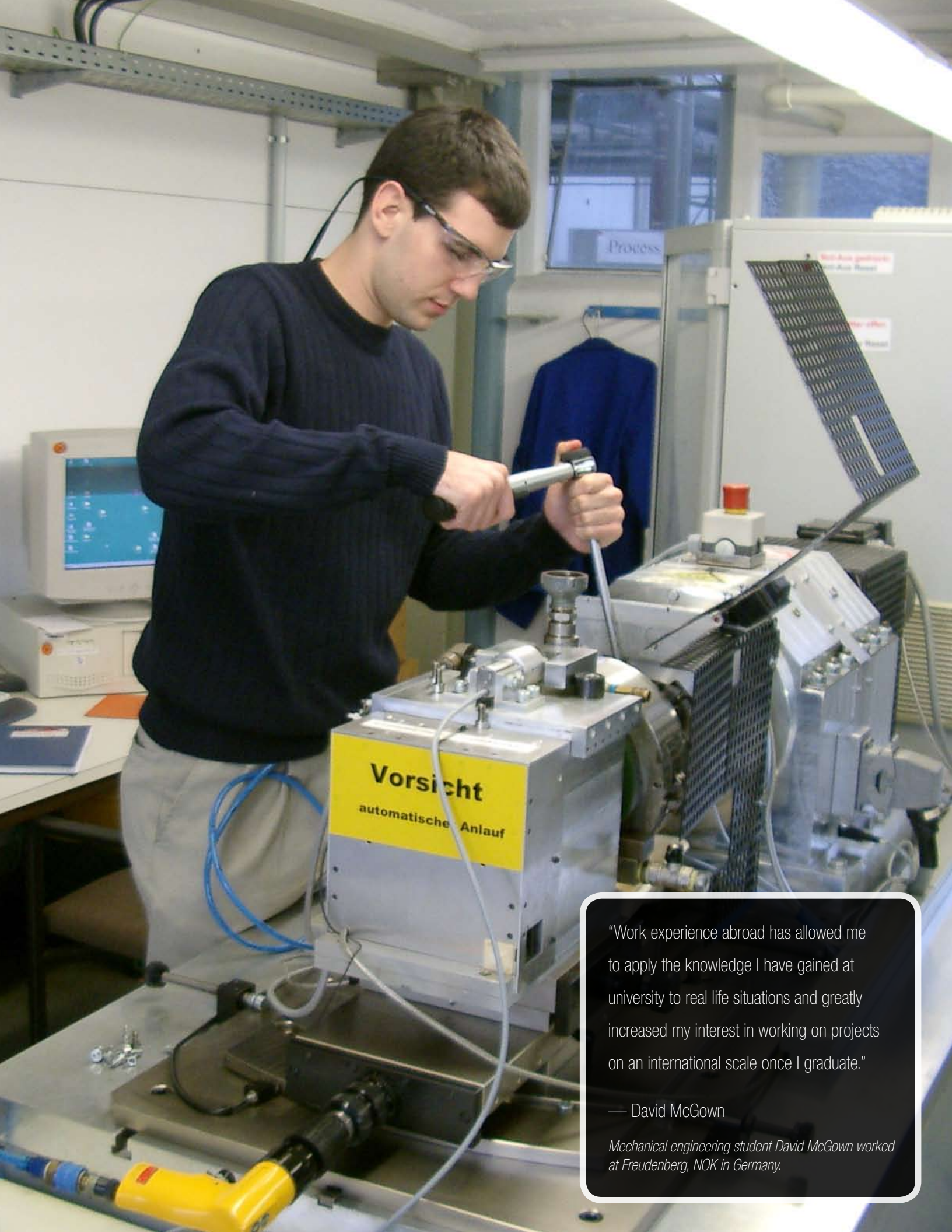
Allison Plopper, a student in the School of Physical Education & Tourism Management, worked at the Fit For Life program at George Washington Community School through a service learning course.

S = Service Learning

Courses that include a community service component engage students with aspects of the Indianapolis community they might not otherwise encounter. Through service activities such as working with children, conducting research for a nonprofit organization, developing a democracy project, or providing medical care to indigent populations, students learn civic responsibility and are more likely to be responsible citizens.

Key IUPUI strengths and achievements in service learning:

- IUPUI has been recognized by *Princeton Review* as a "College with a Conscience" (2005).
- IUPUI ranked 4th among all urban universities as a "Savior of Our Cities" (2006).
- IUPUI was one of three institutions from 500 applicants recognized with the U.S. Presidential Honor Roll Award for Community Service (2006).
- *U.S. News and World Report* recognized IUPUI Service Learning as a "Program to Look For" in 2008.
- Presently, 4,000 undergraduate students are engaged in service learning activities annually.



“Work experience abroad has allowed me to apply the knowledge I have gained at university to real life situations and greatly increased my interest in working on projects on an international scale once I graduate.”

— David McGown

Mechanical engineering student David McGown worked at Freudenberg, NOK in Germany.

E = Experiential Learning

Real work experiences such as internships, student teaching, field work, and clinical placements provide students with involvement in professional settings and practical experience that better prepare them for the workforce.

Key IUPUI strengths and achievements in experiential learning:

- Multiple opportunities are available to IUPUI students according to their disciplines, including
 - Clinical placements, field work, and student teaching
 - Internships (paid and voluntary) arranged by individual schools and the celebrated IUPUI Solution Center
 - Student mentoring
- With a 5-year grant from the Lilly Endowment and matching funds from the campus, the IUPUI Solution Center will award over \$1.2 million to community partners to support community-based internships, research, and projects.
- As a first point-of-contact for the IUPUI campus, the Solution Center assists business, government, and nonprofit organizations to access the talent of the university, creating more than 300 student projects annually.
- Being located in the heart of downtown Indianapolis, the third largest city in the Midwest, provides access to top companies, government offices, and nonprofit organizations.



IUPUI is where students RISE to the Challenge!

