

Indiana University - Bloomington

Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution to Encourage Graduate Student Prioritization in Vaccination

Whereas, the US Center for Disease Control (CDC) has designated College, Universities, and Professional Schools as industries recommended for vaccination prioritization;¹

Whereas, while the State of Indiana is currently utilizing an age-based vaccination schedule,² Indiana University Bloomington is working to develop its own vaccination procedures for eventual vaccination of students;

Whereas, IU Bloomington is already developing plans for becoming a COVID-19 vaccination site;³

Whereas, as educational and research support employees, it is critical that graduate students be vaccinated to ensure they can safely work in-person;

Whereas, graduate students in these roles are essential employees and are more likely to interact with a large population of faculty, staff, and students and are at a greater risk of exposure to COVID-19;

Whereas, certain graduate student programs require a greater degree of in-person course work and research obligations;

Whereas, funding sources for graduate students often have time-sensitive components that require progress and completion be made in connection with in-person course work and research;

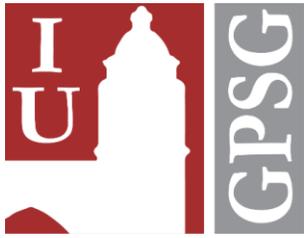
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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG advocates for Indiana University to prioritize the vaccination of graduate student employees and Student Academic Appointees (SAAs) in educational or research roles who are expected to work in-person. These positions would include, but not be limited to, associate instructors, assistant instructors, teaching assistants, research associates, research assistants, laboratory assistants, and practicum (or equivalent) roles.

¹ <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/categories-essential-workers.html>

² <https://www.coronavirus.in.gov/vaccine/index.htm>

³ <https://news.iu.edu/stories/2021/01/iub/releases/15-bloomington-covid-19-vaccine-site.html>



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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that GPSG advocates for Indiana University to prioritize the vaccination of all students, regardless of citizenship status, in programs that necessitate a greater in-person classroom and/or research experience, have time-sensitive requirements, or have a critical component that requires an in-person experience.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on February 5, 2021.

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