



Indiana University - Bloomington
Graduate & Professional Student Government

**A RESOLUTION TO REOPEN THE STUDENT PASSPORT OFFICE AT INDIANA
UNIVERSITY**

Whereas, the Student Passport Office at Indiana University previously provided essential services for students seeking to obtain, renew, or manage U.S. passports and related travel documents; and

Whereas, the Office's closure¹ has created barriers for students needing timely and affordable access to passport services for study abroad programs, academic conferences, research travel, internships, and international fieldwork; and

Whereas, the nearest alternative passport offices are often located off-campus and require travel, appointments, and additional documentation that present logistical challenges for students; and

Whereas, access to on-campus passport services particularly benefits low-income students, international students, and first-generation students by reducing cost and administrative burdens²; and

Whereas, the university actively promotes global engagement and international education through institutional programs³ that depend on students' ability to obtain legal travel documentation efficiently; and

¹ "Apply for a Passport." Education Abroad. Accessed April 2, 2025. <https://abroad.iu.edu/planning/passports.html>.

"Applying for Your Passport." O'Neill International. Accessed April 2, 2025.
<https://international.oneill.indiana.edu/planning/pre-departure/passport/index.html>.

"Passport Office: Indiana University Office of International Services." Passport Info, March 26, 2018.
<https://passportinfo.com/location/indiana/bloomington-in/indiana-university-office-of-international-services-47405/>.

News.iu.edu. "IU's New Passport Acceptance Office Serves Students, Faculty, Staff and the Public." IU News, April 24, 2017. <https://news.iu.edu/live/news/23678-ius-new-passport-acceptance-office-serves-students>.

² Pamela Herd, Donald Moynihan, & Amy Widman, Identifying and Reducing Burdens in Administrative Processes (Dec. 5, 2023) (report to the Admin. Conf. of the U.S.).

³ "Global Engagement for All." IU Global, March 31, 2025. <https://global.iu.edu/index.html>.

Whereas, the infrastructure, staffing, and operational procedures for the Student Passport Office previously existed and may be restored or updated with limited administrative burden;

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the reopening of the Student Passport Office be formally supported and prioritized;

Be it further resolved, that the GPSG urges the IU Global, Office of International and Global Engagement, the Registrar, and the Division of Student Affairs to collaborate in assessing the feasibility of reopening and sustaining the Office, with attention to staffing, hours of operation, and student demand;

Be it further resolved to send to involve the Office of International Services (OIS), which previously held said passport office;

Be it further resolved, that it be advocated students be included in planning and feedback processes to ensure the service meets their needs effectively.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on this 4th day of April , 2025.

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