



PURDUE UNIVERSITY LGBTQ SUPPORT FUND

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CENTER**

Setting a new standard for higher education in support of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) community

Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, is proud to launch what we believe is a first-in-the-nation fund earmarked to support LGBTQ students in a university Center community. This fund will ensure that financial emergency or hardship does not stand in the way of a Purdue education for LGBTQ students and their allies.

You can help us reach our \$500,000 funding target.



Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund

The mission of the Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund is to recognize LGBTQ students and their allies and to promote this group's ability to succeed in the face of personal and academic challenges.

Every semester, the Purdue University LGBTQ Center works with students who are experiencing financial crises—often related to a student's temporary or long-term separation from family members. In many cases, this separation may be based solely on their sexual identification.

LGBTQ students can find themselves estranged from their families after they come out or if family members find out through other avenues that their child is LGBTQ.

Families who do not or will not acknowledge their children's sexual orientation may in turn withdraw emotional and/or financial support, leaving the student with limited options.

In that case, financial needs that might simply be an inconvenience for other students can quickly escalate into a crisis.

In addition, LGBTQ students may face both micro- and macro-aggressions in their academic communities based solely on their sexual orientation.

The Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund will provide ongoing financial scholarship support for these students as they pursue their scholastic goals and academic excellence, and as they strive to become role models and leaders within their respective communities.

Campus Achievements

Purdue is *at the forefront of college campuses in its demonstrated commitment to supportive, inclusive policies* for its student body, as well as faculty and support staff.

Nondiscrimination Policy
The University's nondiscrimination policy includes sexual orientation, gender identity and expression. *Fewer than 10% of universities nationwide* include these protections.

LGBTQ Center
Purdue's LGBTQ Center is a leader in the nation. It's *among only 7% of campuses in the United States to offer dedicated staff, space and programming* specially for LGBTQ.

Academic Excellence
Purdue offers *an academic minor in LGBTQ studies*, with study abroad programs that bring students to major cities around the world. Our Learning Community also *provides academic and co-curricular support for first-year students*.

Transgender Support
Purdue offers *transgender-inclusive healthcare*, and began offering *transgender-inclusive campus housing* options in Fall 2015.



Safe Zone Workshops
To date, *more than 2,000 people have been trained through our Safe Zone workshops*, which educate all campus community members about creating a more inclusive and affirming university.

LGBTQ on Campus
Purdue students are involved in a variety of *LGBTQ organizations, campus programs and events that have made a meaningful impact* on shifting campus culture.

Role Models and Leaders
Students involved in leadership roles in the LGBTQ community are also often involved in multiple leadership opportunities on campus. As leaders in the community, students are expected to also continue on as *role models for their peers*.



The Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund will serve two primary goals:

1 Emergency Crisis Support
A portion of the fund will be designated for emergency crisis support for students in need, as determined by the director of the LGBTQ University Center.

2 Scholarships and Ongoing Support
The remainder will endow a fund to provide support to full-time undergraduate and graduate students who participate in the LGBTQ University Center or other campus LGBTQ organizations.

Your donation to the Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund will help us *ensure that no LGBTQ Purdue student or ally is forced to abandon his or her education because of a financial crisis precipitated in whole or in part by his or her sexual identification*.

Help us maintain the strong reputation Purdue University enjoys as both a stellar educational institution and as a supportive, enriching environment that welcomes all students.

The Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund is administered through the Purdue Research Foundation, an accredited 501(c)3 nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible.

Please help us reach our \$500,000 goal for the Purdue University LGBTQ Support Fund.

To support the fund, you may donate in one of three ways:

1 Give online by visiting Giving.Purdue.edu/LGBTQCenter

2 Mail your gift, payable to the Purdue Foundation, to
Purdue Foundation-LGBTQ Fund
403 W. Wood St.
West Lafayette, IN 47907

Please include allocation 020935 in the check's memo line.

3 To make a gift of appreciated stock, please contact Mary Stultz at (765) 588-1220 or via email at MCStultz@prf.org for further information.

Thank you for your support!

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About the Purdue LGBTQ Center

The Purdue University LGBTQ Center provides critical support and programming that engages the entire Purdue University campus through advocacy for a discrimination-free environment, facilitation of a variety of training opportunities and engaging programming throughout the year.

The Center is a dedicated Safe Zone that provides a welcoming and affirming location on campus for all, regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

Since opening in 2012, the Purdue University LGBTQ Center has served as the primary point of contact for members of the LGBTQ community and their allies as they work collaboratively with campus departments, student organizations, administration and local community groups to connect students with enriching resources, activities and support services they seek in order to be successful at Purdue University and beyond.



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About Purdue University



Purdue University, a top public research institution, offers higher education at its highest proven value. Committed to affordability, the University has frozen tuition and most fees at 2012-13 levels.

Committed to student success, Purdue is changing the student experience with greater focus on faculty-student interaction and creative use of technology. Committed to pursuing scientific discoveries and engineered solutions, Purdue has streamlined pathways for faculty and student innovators who have a vision for moving the world forward.



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