

## Administration: Approaches to Expanding/Scaling/Marketing

## Session structure

- Site overview
- **Purdue University - Impact through Aligned Messaging**
- Discussion: Who are your stakeholders?
- **Boise State University - Stickiness through Storytelling**
- Discussion: How do you make VIP stick with different stakeholders?
- **Virginia Commonwealth University - Advancing through Access & Collaboration**
- Discussion: How can your initiative align with other strategic priorities?
- **New York University - Strategic Growth through Student Pathways**
- Discussion: What is your strategic growth plan?

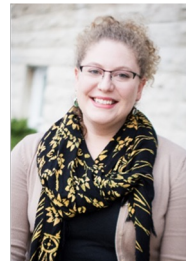
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## Boise State University: Stickiness through Storytelling

Year that your VIP program started: **2014**

Unit that houses your VIP program:  
**Centrally-housed, IFITS**

Majors of students served: **Across six academic colleges**

Number of teams: **38**

Number of students: **242 undergrads, 33 grads**

Boise State is the middle class of higher ed - blue turf thinking

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# VIP@VCU's profile

## VCU Fast Facts

- Founded 1838, **re-chartered in 1968** as a merger of Richmond Professional Institute and Medical College of Virginia.
- **One VCU** includes the **one** VCU health system, **three campuses** (including VCUArts Qatar), three schools, 11 colleges, and 20+ research centers/institutes
- **Urban serving, public, R1** (status received in 2011), **Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement** (renewal class of 2026)
- 2022-2023 milestones:
  - **Minority Serving Institution status**
  - Ranked among the **30 most innovative public universities** in the country
  - Broke into the **top 50 research universities** by NSF
  - **Transformative learning** initiative as key student success strategy for **recalibrated strategic plan, Quest 2028**

## VIP@VCU

- Founding member of the VIP Consortium
- Historically housed in College of Engineering; currently being moved to a central structure within the Office of Provost
- Staffing: PT faculty director (CoEngr); collective responsibility of the academic deans; scaling initiative included within the AVP for REAL 's responsibilities



# NYU VIP



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Founded Spring 2017

Housed in Tandon Undergraduate Academics -  
connected to General Engineering

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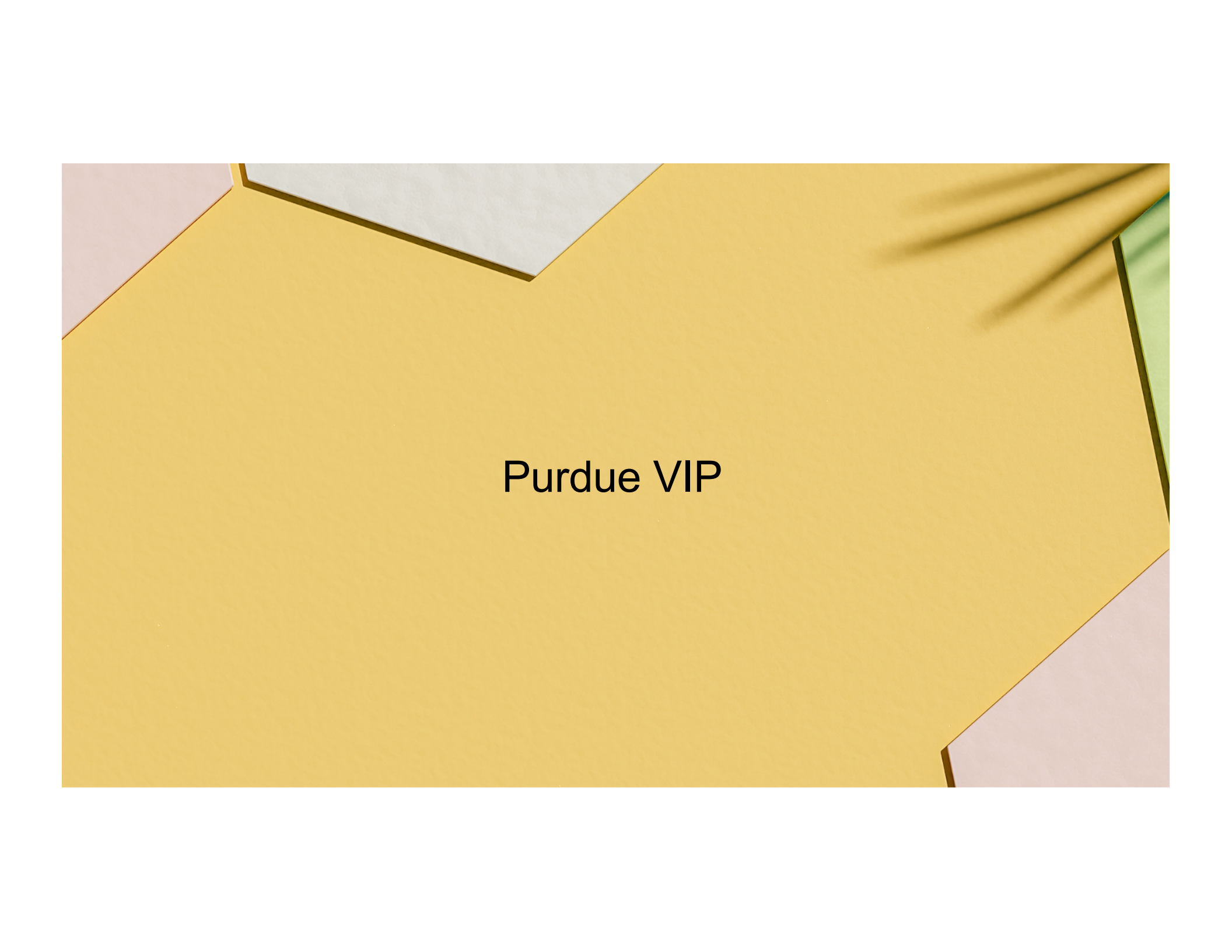
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Purdue VIP

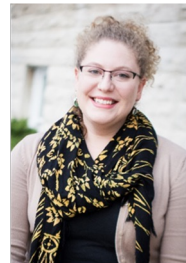
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# *Impact through Aligned Messaging*

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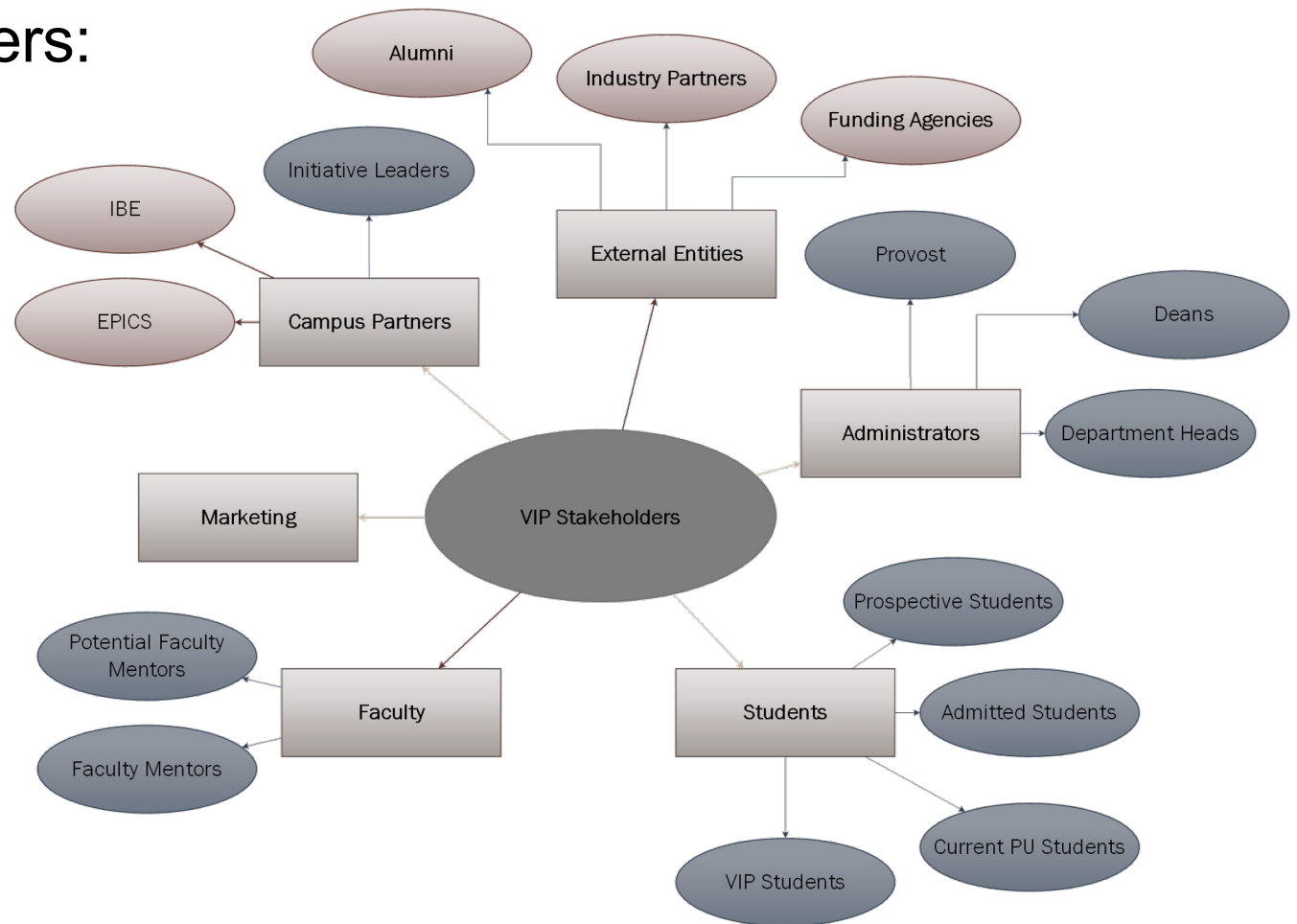
- New Leadership (President, Provost, Dean)
- Tell the VIP Story: Sticky Messaging (Boise State)

## **New “Challenges”**

- How do we remain agile to pivot to changes in priorities?
- How do we align with AND support campus initiatives while staying true to our central mission?

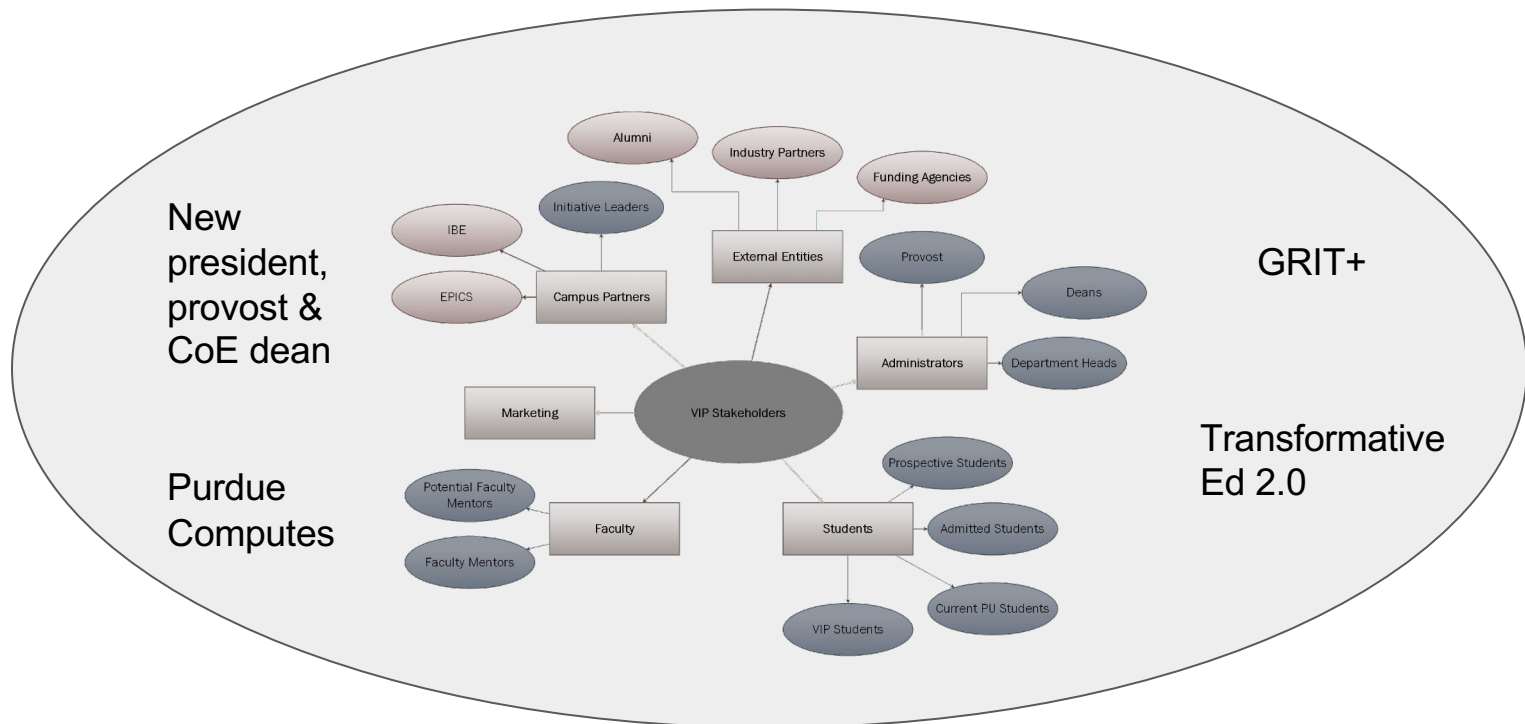
**-> Stakeholder Analysis**

# Key Stakeholders: Purdue



# Ecosystem

What are the initiatives/issues at the college, university, external, .....



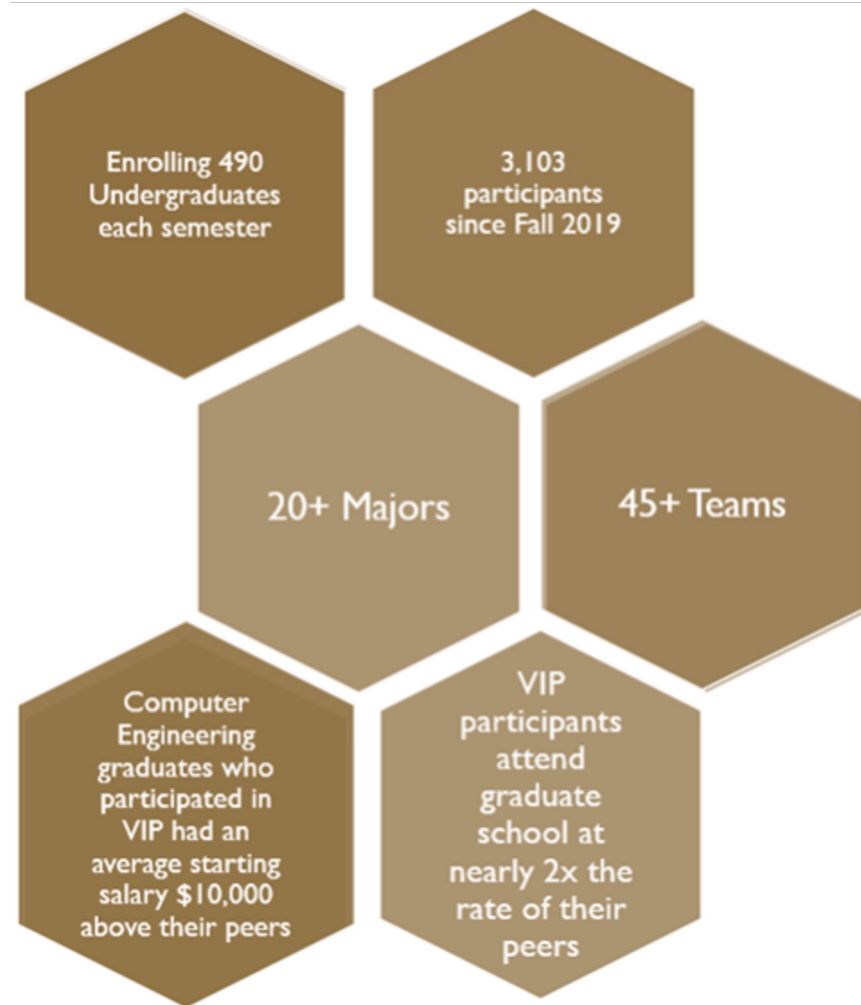
## *Campus Initiatives*

- Purdue Computes (Provost Office)
  - Computing
  - Physical Artificial Intelligence
  - Semiconductors
- Transformative Ed 2.0 (Provost Office)
  - Academic Process Transformation
  - Agile Classroom Innovation
  - World-Ready Experiences
- GRIT+ (College of Engineering):
  - Global, Research, Industry, Teams, Entrepreneurship, etc.
- New performance process
  - Align Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)
    - Growth and diversification (students, types of projects)
    - Event support, alignment, and efficiencies
  - Tied to funding for programs and merit raises for faculty/staff

# Purdue VIP Impact and Alignment

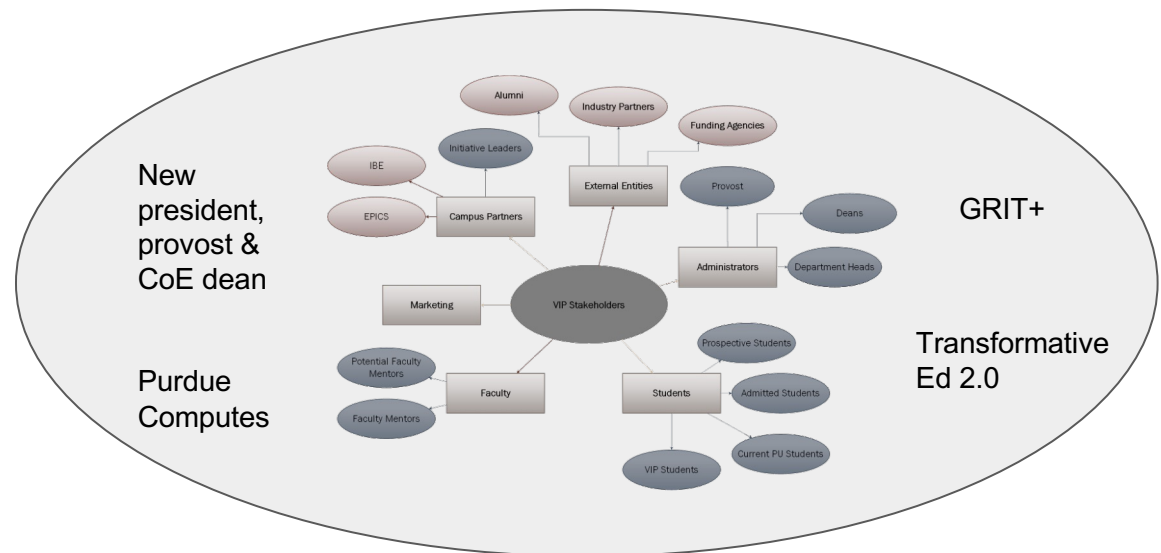
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Provost: Purdue Computes	High and high	Student credentialing/ experiences	Highlight VIP contributions to initiative	Workforce data; teams aligned with Purdue Computes	Student success re: Experiential education experiences; Workforce Development	Demonstrate teams & students who contribute to Purdue Computes metrics
Students	High and low	Degree requirements Skill development	Through participation (or not)	Enrollment; Student work and reflections	Overall GRIT+ and student success engagement;	Website, targeted emails; seminars; learning communities

Gathering data that  
appeal to  
stakeholders for key  
(sticky) messaging



# Your turn....

- Who are key stakeholders for your VIP Program?
- What are initiatives/issues at the college, university, external, etc. that are important for you to consider?



**Your turn...**

## *Stakeholder Impact and Alignment Analysis*

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Boise State University

**73%** agreed highly that their overall experience in VIP was exceptional.

I really enjoy the VIP course options..It really helps build career experience..

I loved it and wish more students knew about VIPs...Then maybe we could have more options for VIPs..

**52%** agreed highly that VIP provided them with opportunities to evaluate readiness to apply for graduate school.

**70%** agreed highly that their VIP gave them the chance to apply what they've learned in classes to a more 'workplace' like environment.

Participating in VIP has showed me that there is much more to science..I have been able to assist in furthering research...

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# Student enrollments:

The test of the pudding is in the eating





*How do you make  
the idea of VIP stick  
with students?*

How do we nurture  
our ideas so they'll  
succeed in the world?

Heath and Heath 2007

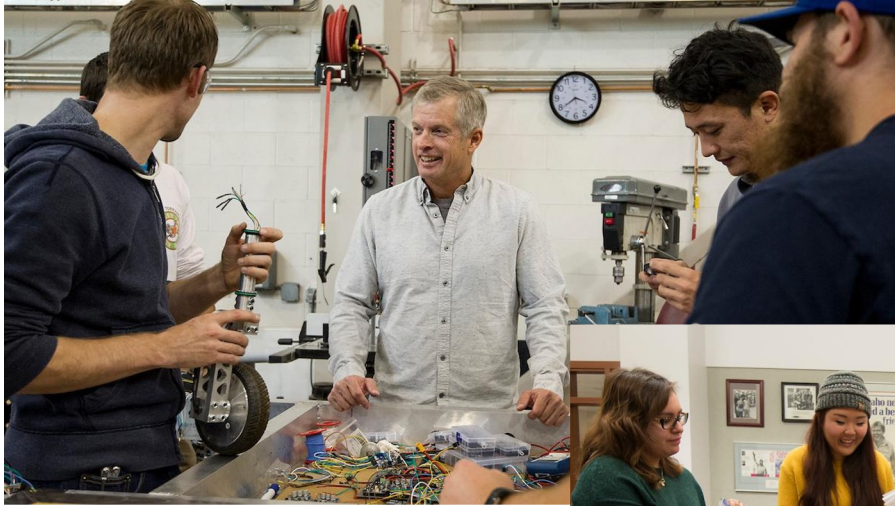


**Sticky  
Successful  
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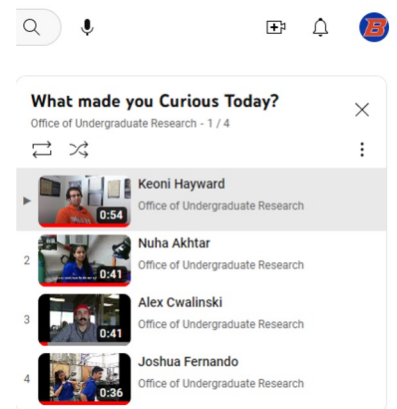
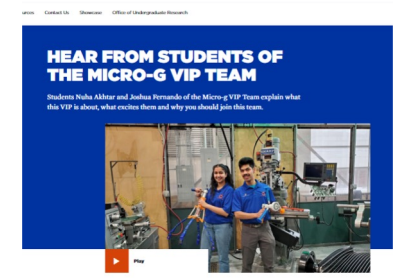
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Making ideas stick	VIP student experiences as revealed through surveys	Potential VIP student
Simple		?
Unexpected	✓	?
Concrete	✓	?
Credible	✓	?
Emotional		?





# What's your VIP story?



## What did we find?

- Authentic
- Credible
- Relatable

## Stories that stuck





<b>Making ideas stick</b>	<b>VIP student &amp; faculty experiences</b>	<b>Potential VIP student</b>
Simple	✓	✓
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VIP


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BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY



## Discussion with handout

What are you doing now  
or can you do to make  
your VIP stick?



VIP is a stick-  
worthy idea.

In this discussion section, write down some tactics that you are already doing or want to pursue in order to make VIP stick at your institution - thinking about the five characteristics that research shows makes things “stick.”

	Tactic 1	Tactic 2	Tactic 3
<b>Simple</b> <i>Find your core and express it as a compact idea.</i>			
<b>Unexpected</b> <i>Surprise and generate curiosity</i>			
<b>Concrete</b> <i>Use easy to remember words and images</i>			
<b>Credible</b> <i>Figure out what will make your ideas believable</i>			
<b>Emotional</b> <i>Make people care</i>			



**VCU**

Office of the Provost

# Scaling Transformative Learning Through VIP

Excellence through Access  
and Collaboration

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**Real-world learning**

**Research**

**Diversity & inclusion**

**Interdisciplinary collaboration**

**Health & sciences**



**VCU**  
vision

TRANSFORMATIVE  
**LEARNING EXPERIENCE** for  
ALL VCU STUDENTS  
**BRIDGING** the **GAP**  
**BETWEEN** the **CLASSROOM**  
and the **REAL WORLD**

# VIP@VCU: Engineering

One of the founding members of the VIP Consortium

→ **Fall 2014:** CoEngr piloted a VIP Project engaging twelve (12) undergraduates, one (1) PhD student and one (1) post-doc.

→ **Fall 2015:** CoEngr piloted the first sequence of VIP courses with 3 teams and 63 students

→ **Spring 2023:** VCU has:

→ **24** teams in Engineering,

→ **1** team in Pharmacy,

→ **144** student participants,

→ **16** proposals for the creation of **interdisciplinary** VIP teams.

2014

ENGR	12
LIF	1

2015

ENGR	63
H&S	1

2023: 25 Teams



ENGR	144
ART	4
GOV	1
LIF	1
SocW	4
UND	4



# VCU

## Partnership between OVPRI and Office of Provost

### **Goal:**

Establish a university-level Vertically Integrated Projects (VIP) initiative at VCU.

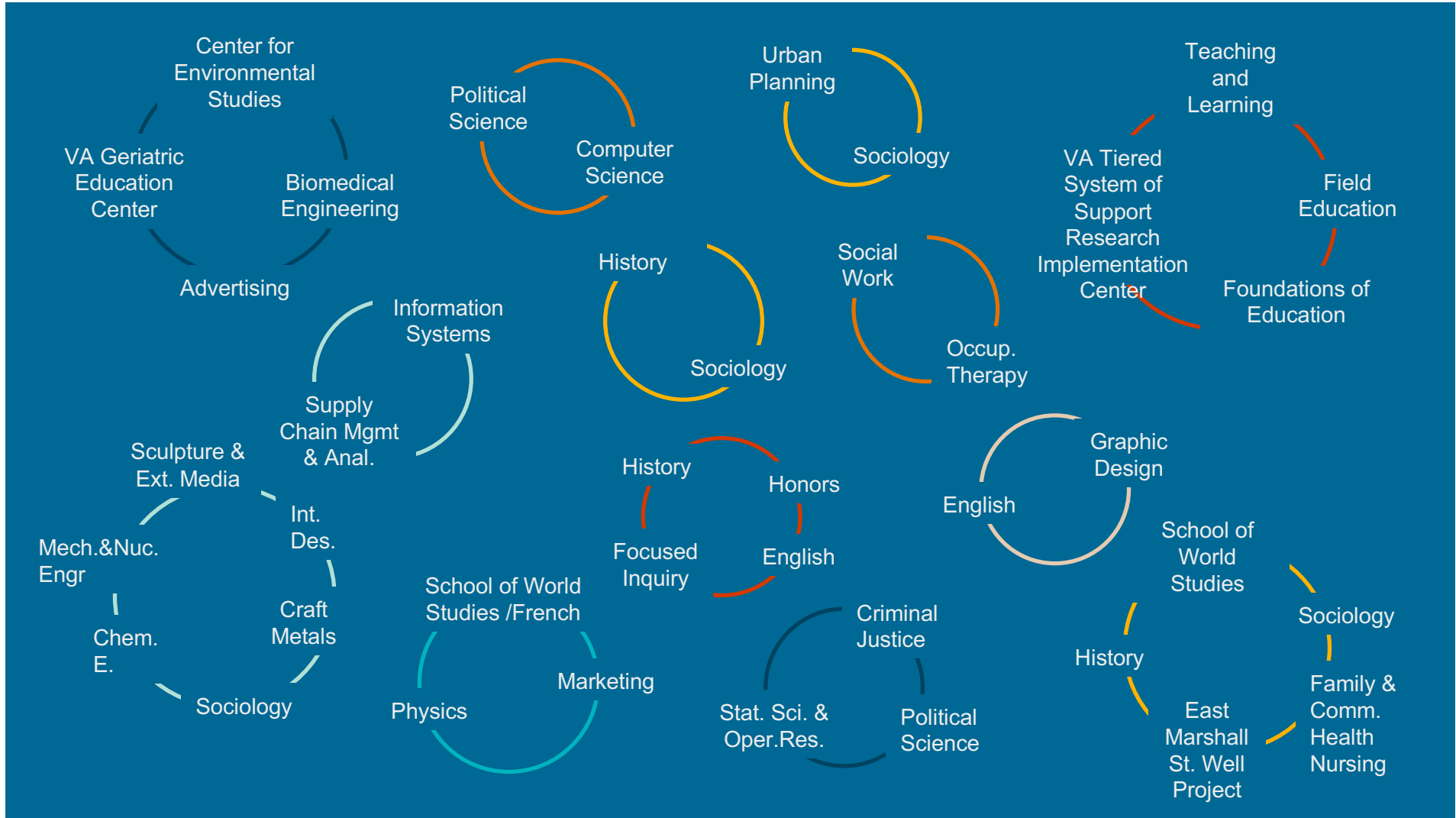
### **To:**

Support engagement of undergraduate students in faculty-led research, design or entrepreneur projects focused on finding solutions to societal challenges.

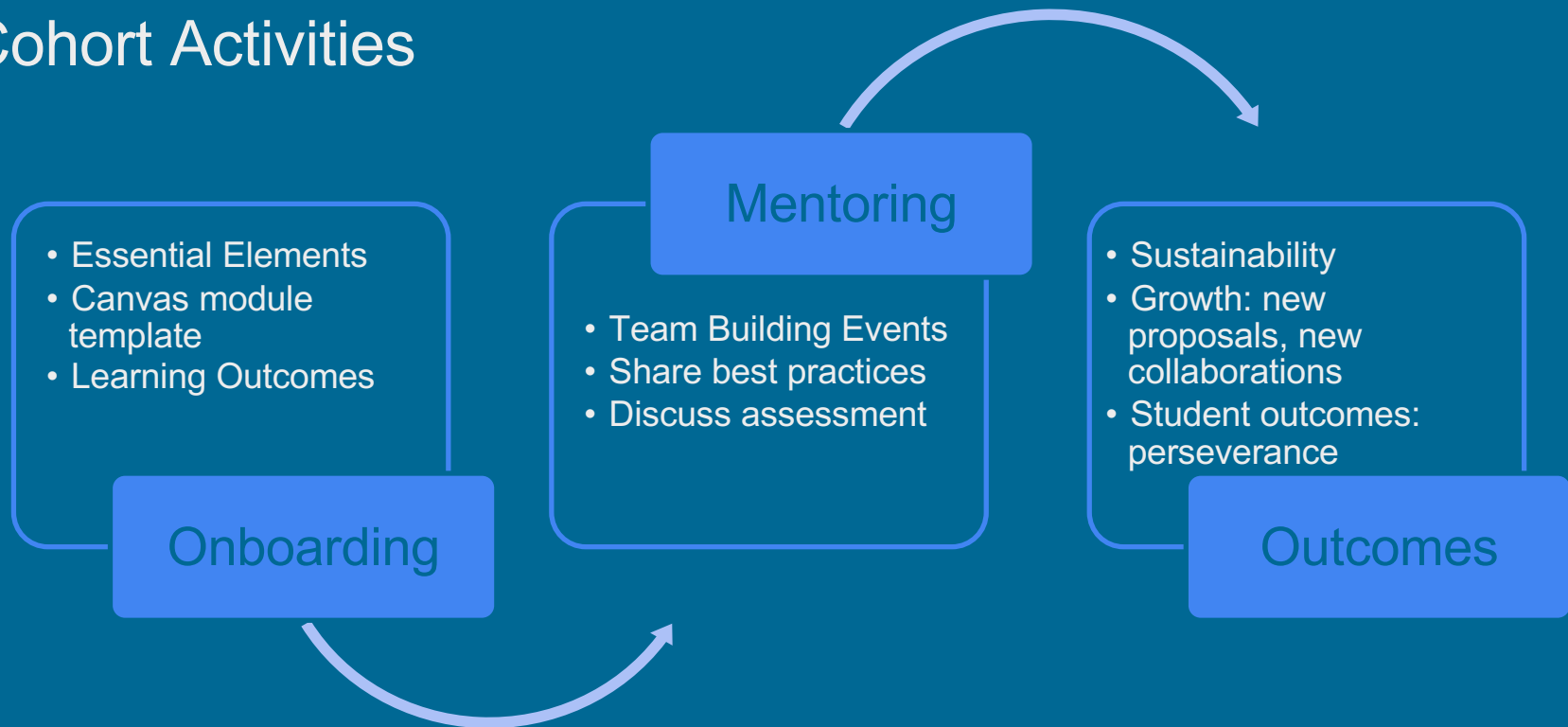
### **Award amounts:**

\$10,000 - \$20,000 to be expended over two years.





# Cohort Activities



**VIP@VCU** *will ...*

**E**ducate entrepreneurs & innovators

**M**otivate Design Thinking

**B**uild professional skills

**E**stablish lifelong learning

**D**evelop research skills



**NYU VIP**  
**Strategic Growth through**  
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# VIP at NYU Tandon



## Key part of ABET Accreditation

VIP was named a **top institutional education strength**, and received ABET's 2019 Innovation Award for promoting excellence in experiential engineering education.



## IDC Gift

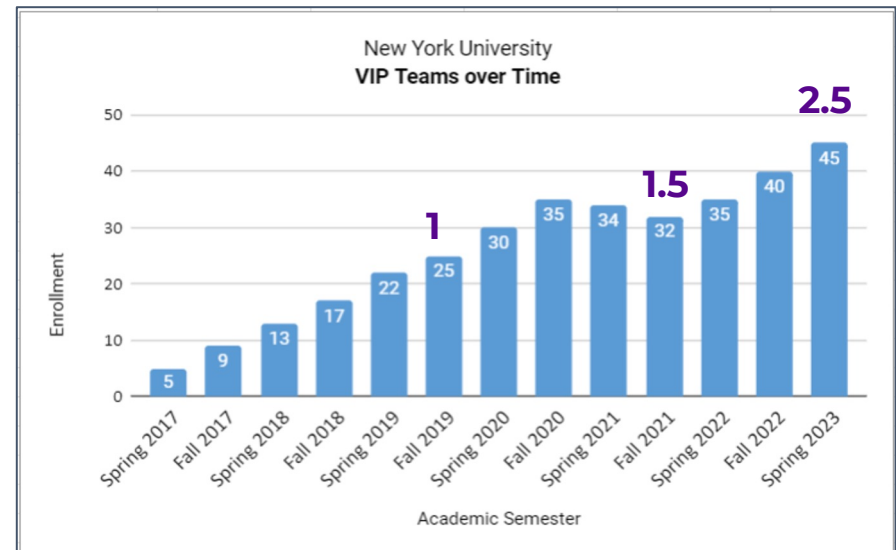
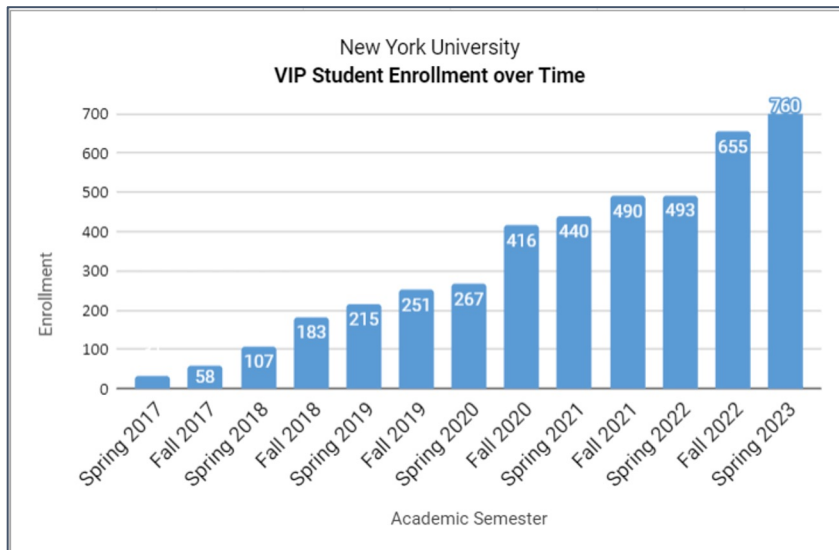
VIP was the recipient of a \$100k gift from the IDC Foundation in the '21 - '22 year to support the expansion of AEC - focused teams.



## Experiential Learning

VIP is proposed to become one of three required experiential learning opportunities for all Tandon students, along with being focal point of the Student's First branch of Dean Kovacevic's strategic plan.

# NYU VIP



# NYU VIP Strategic Growth Plan

## Goals

- Grow the number of teams (*\*based on past years and other VIP Programs*)
  - 3 - 7 teams launched per academic year
- Expand diversity of teams - including non-Tandon
  - Research and design teams
  - New genres of team: Entrepreneurship (VIP+), Hot topics, Liberal arts
- Possible projected team growth

End of 2022 - 2023

- 45 teams - 14 new
- 55 advisors

Five years (2027 - 2028)

- 80 teams
- 83 advisors

Ten years (2032 - 2033)

- 115 teams
- 118 advisors





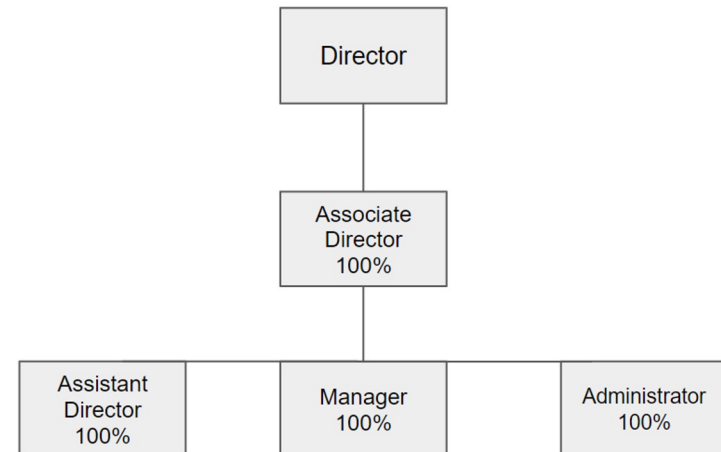
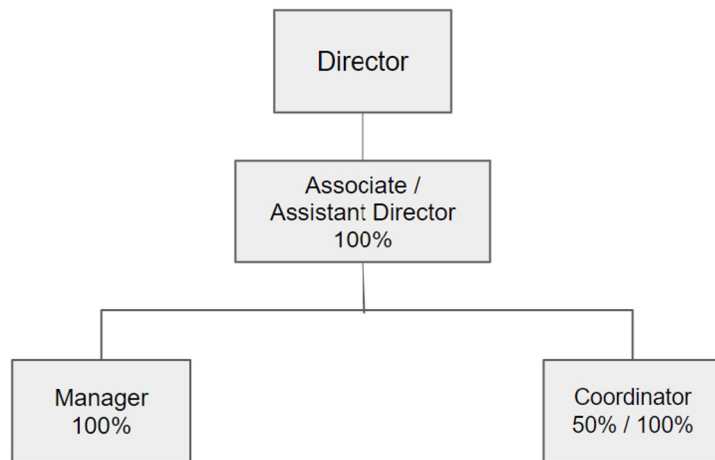
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## 3-Pronged Approach to Expansion

- General
  - Presentations on VIP for faculty interested in forming a team
- Explicit Request
  - “We want to create a research team in cyber security. Are you interested?”
- Broadened-Specific Request
  - Present to other NYU schools and global sites

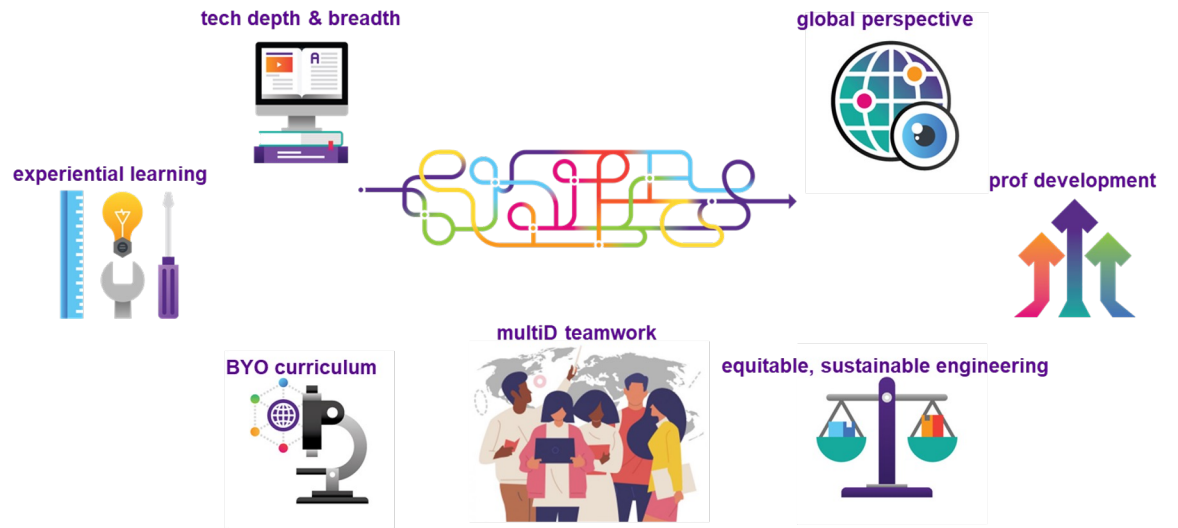
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## Staff Restructure Phases 1 & 2



# Experiential Learning Center

- Minors
- General Engineering
- VIP
- Capstone
- Summer research
- Internships
- Study away
- GLASS
- Student clubs
- Teaching & research



# NYU VIP Featured Student Pathways

## Emmalyn Romero

- Junior in civil engineering
- Vice President of TUSC
- Head General Engineering TA
- Internship at Walter P. Moore
- Concrete Canoe VIP Team Captain
- President of EERI & VIP creation



# NYU VIP Featured Student Pathways

## Ameya Palav

- Senior in mechanical engineering
- GLASS & Tau Beta Pi honors student
- Head General Engineering TA
- Internship at Amazon, full-time offer
- RoboSub VIP Team Founder & Lead
- Building car for capstone



# NYU VIP Featured Student Pathways

## Kaitlin So

- Senior in chemical engineering
- General Engineering Purchasing Lead
- NYU Langone Tech4Health Intern
- Levon Lab Undergraduate researcher
- President of SASE & AIChE
- Chem-E-Car VIP Team Founder
- Minors in math & psychology



# NYU VIP Featured Student Pathways

## Vu Nam Phan

- Junior in mechanical engineering
- GLASS honors student
- General Engineering Purchasing Lead
- Research assistant at NYU AD
- Tandon Dean's list
- RoboMaster VIP team mechanical lead



# NYU VIP Featured Student Pathways

## Bharti Kakkar

- Senior in mechanical engineering
- SURP in computational materials
- General Engineering R&D Lead
- TRIO Scholars Program peer tutor
- Minor in Aerospace & Business Studies
- Tandon Motorsports VIP team captain





## NYU: Strategic Growth through Student Pathways

What are your main goals in terms of growing and/or sustaining your VIP program?

In this discussion section, write down where you want to be in 1 year, 5 years, and 10 years in terms of institutionalization, growth, and sustainable resources.

	Program Size	Staffing & Resources	Student Support
1 Year			
5 years			
10 years			

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