# PURDUE UNIVERSITY BELIEVES IN ITS STUDENTS

both on campus and as future leaders
in society. To help make their college
education more affordable, Purdue Research
Foundation is offering a unique funding
program called BACK A BOILER – ISA FUND.



It isn't a loan. It isn't a grant. It's an income share agreement that offers a new alternative to Parent PLUS or private loans to help fund a Purdue education, which can be paid back with greater flexibility and freedom.

# THIS IS WHEN YOU TAKE THE NEXT STEP

If you're thinking of adding the Back a Boiler – ISA Fund to your education funding options, check your eligibility, get all the information you need, then make your decision.

#### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Students must be enrolled on a full-time basis.
- U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Students must be a rising Sophomore, Junior or Senior.
- Students must be 18 years or older when the ISA contract is executed.
- Students' monthly payment obligations under all loan and income share agreements – past, present and anticipated – must not be too large a proportion of his/her anticipated future monthly income, as outlined in the Back a Boiler program.

Visit BackaBoiler.org to learn more. Then, discuss the Back a Boiler – ISA Fund with your financial aid adviser and parents or guardians before deciding if an ISA is a possible funding solution for you. For more information, e-mail BackaBoilerInfo@prf.org, or call 765-494-5050.

Your individual education financing plan should include an assessment of all of the options available to you based on your individual financial situation. The Back a Boiler Comparison Tool found at BackaBoiler.org can be used to compare an ISA to some of the other options that may be available to you. IT'S NOT ALOAN. AND YOU'RE NOT NOT ALONE.

**BACK A BOILER™** – **ISA FUND** Managed by Purdue Research Foundation





## THIS IS A GAME-CHANGER. Helping Boilermakers fund their education.

Backed by the Purdue Research Foundation (PRF), the Back a Boiler – ISA Fund is an innovative new way to help make school more affordable for Purdue students. It's not a grant or a traditional loan – though students do make payments after graduating and securing employment. It's an opportunity to complete an education without worrying about interest rates.

# HOW BACK A BOILER IS DIFFERENT.

In the simplest terms, the Back a Boiler – ISA Fund is a potentially less expensive funding alternative to private and Parent PLUS loans for students who need additional funding to pay for their education. After securing employment, students pay back a percentage of their salary for a set number of years.

### WHAT IS AN INCOME SHARE AGREEMENT?

An Income Share Agreement (ISA) is a contract in which a student receives education funding in exchange for a commitment to pay an agreed upon percentage of his or her post-graduate income for a fixed number of years. One of the ways that an ISA differs from a traditional loan is that students aren't paying interest on the total amount funded.

#### TOTAL PAYMENTS



For example, you're a rising senior Economics major with an ISA of \$10,000. Based on your anticipated salary in that field upon graduation, you pay 3.38% of your \$47,000 salary for 100 months. At the end of the contract, you would have paid back \$15,673, and fulfilled the terms of your ISA.

A traditional, private loan of \$10,000 at 9.5% fixed interest to a student with no cosigner would cost you \$17,126 at the end of a typical 10-year term.\*

An ISA is not a loan or other debt instrument. An ISA represents a student's obligation to make payments linked to a specific percentage of the student's earned income and does not give the Back a Boiler program any rights regarding his/her educational or employment pursuits. \*Information based on Back a Boiler Comparison Tool

## HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO PAY BACK AN ISA?

The standard payment period for the Back a Boiler – ISA Fund is about 10 years, making it competitive with most Federal PLUS and private loan terms. In addition, all students receive a 6-month grace period post-graduation before payments begin. Once a recipient makes successful payments for the prescribed term of the contract, no additional payments are required even if they have paid less than the amount of funding they received.

	LOAN	ISA	SCHOLARSHIP
No academic/ grade requirements	<b>~</b>	✓	
No full repayment requirement		✓	✓
No long-term obligation w/ principal balance		✓	✓
No interest accrued		✓	✓
Payment terms	Variable, usually 10 - 20 years	~10 years	N/A