

IUPUI GAC Reviewer Form

**Documents Reviewed: request for new credit certificate program:
graduate certificate in Philanthropic Studies**

Summary of Proposal:

1. Are the goals clear and achievable? The proposal mentions that “career professionals” might be interested in the program though it doesn’t give specific information about what sorts of people (and numbers of people) this might involve. Given that the courses are likely already offered for students in other degree programs within Philanthropy, I don’t doubt that the courses will make however.

2. Is the program academically sound? I don’t feel entirely qualified to comment on this, but it seems sound to me given my limited knowledge of what is involved in the study of philanthropy.

3. Are faculty resources available to offer this certificate without undercutting other key missions of the unit? The proposal says that they are. I can only take them at their word. As this is a certificate rather than a new degree, this seems reasonable to me.

4. Is there overlap, either real or potential, with any other unit that could harm the program or be exploited to help the program? Not to my knowledge. This seems squarely in the domain of the Philanthropy program.

5. My recommendation, comments/concerns regarding this proposal...
I recommend approval of this certificate. I believe offering new certificate programs is a positive development at IUPUI and Philanthropy seems very capable of attracting students to their programs.