About GERI
The Gifted Education Resource Institute (GERI) at Purdue University is an innovative center dedicated to the discovery, study, and development of human potential. Founded by John Feldhusen in 1974, GERI’s mission is holistic development of giftedness, creativity, and talents among individuals throughout their lifespan. This is accomplished through enrichment programs for gifted, creative, and talented youth; graduate programs for future scholars and leaders; professional development and coursework for educators of gifted, creative, and talented students; and cutting-edge research in psychology and education related to giftedness, creativity, and talent development.

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Research
Our faculty and graduate students engage in cutting-edge scholarship that informs and influences theory and practice. Some examples of our contributions include:
• Total School Cluster Grouping Model
• Purdue Three-Stage Model
• Theory of Personal Talent
• Developing talent in the STEM disciplines
• Applying gifted education know-how to improve general education
• Understanding social and affective needs
• Investigating students’ perceptions of their learning experiences
• Studying twice-exceptional learners
• Recognizing and developing talent among underserved populations and in non-traditional areas

Graduate Programs
PhD and Masters
Our internationally recognized PhD and Masters degree programs in gifted, creative, and talented studies attract students from across the country and around the world. Working closely with faculty scholars as mentors, students prepare for productive leadership roles in research, teaching, and program development. Funding may be available to support exceptional students pursuing full-time PhD study.

Licensure
Our accredited licensure program is available online and on campus for teachers interested in adding a high-ability license to their Indiana teaching credentials or as a certificate in gifted, creative, and talented studies for educators in other states and countries.

Talent Development Programs
Summer Residential Camp
Gifted, creative, and talented students in grades 5-12 stimulate their imaginations and expand their abilities through our summer residential camp. While living on campus, they take challenging courses and participate in engaging recreational activities.

Super Saturday and Super Summer
These commuter enrichment programs offer students in PreK through 8th grade advanced content and interactive learning. Students select from a variety of courses in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, interdisciplinary studies, and visual arts.

Professional Development
Our faculty and staff conduct professional development related to our research using online, on-site, and campus-based delivery methods. We engage educators from across the United States and from schools worldwide.

Diversity Initiatives
Thanks to donations from generous individuals, foundations, and corporations, GERI provides students from diverse backgrounds with scholarships to enable them to participate in our programs.
• The Davidson Foundation
• Evonik Tippecanoe Labs
• GERI Advisory Board Members
• Jack Kent Cooke Foundation
• Kappa Kappa Kappa
• Shell Oil Company

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