BEFORE YOU APPLY TO THE IIP:
Developing a full proposal

The full IIP proposal is a complete packet of materials which will be used when you apply and will be reviewed by the IIP Advisory Committee. The committee is composed of faculty members from diverse graduate programs not necessarily from the content areas in your proposal. The IIP Admission Committee will be looking for an application and proposal that:

- Cannot be achieved through a traditional doctoral degree from Montana State University;
- Clearly describes and explains a research problem;
- Requires an interdisciplinary approach to achieving the research;
- What expertise each discipline can offer when seeking a solution to the problem.

The proposal should not be more than three (3) pages, double spaced and be developed with input from your proposed doctoral committee. Each proposal should contain the following:

1. Concept and Goals:
   - At least two (2) areas of study, background competencies the applicant brings to the doctoral level studies, and identification of the additional preparation in the two or more areas of study.
   - A curriculum plan with proposed courses, their description and relevancy to the IIP. No new courses are to be developed for this curriculum.
   - Objectives, timeline and an outline for the research. A completion date is expected.

2. A Graduate Committee
   - Work with your chair* to select at least three (3) additional faculty who will serve on your doctoral graduate committee. You must have a committee member from each department/program that is participating in your IIP.
   - The majority of the co-chairs must be tenured/tenure-track and at least one must be from a doctoral granting department at MSU.
   - The Dean of The Graduate School or the Dean’s designee from a doctoral program at Montana State University will serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the committee.

*If you choose, you may have co-chairs for your committee (see Policy on Doctoral Committee).