

# 2021 Excellence in Diversity Award Program

## Description

The Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus (IUPUC) Excellence in Diversity Award was created in 2010 by the IUPUC Diversity Council. The award is intended to recognize and honor demonstrated commitment and outstanding efforts toward creating a diverse and inclusive community. Each year, IUPUC will recognize external and internal individuals, organizations, groups, units, projects, or institutions that meet the defined criteria.

## Criteria

Nominees must meet at least **one** of the following criteria:

- Engage in meaningful diversity activities beyond one's professional responsibilities in order to encourage excellence through inclusion in the IUPUC community.
- Display leadership in advancing diversity on campus and/or in the community.
- Demonstrate efforts that foster a more inclusive and equitable learning and work environment.
- Show evidence of inclusive teaching and/or program development beyond one's responsibilities.
- Conduct research and/or creative activity related to the experiences, realities, and/or contributions of persons from diverse populations.
- Provide leadership in programming, training, or other experiences which serve to advance diversity and inclusion at IUPUC.

## Nomination process

Individuals or organizations can self-nominate or be nominated using the designated nomination form and online nomination process. Nominations are encouraged from individuals or groups of faculty, staff, students, or community members.

- Nominations should be e-mailed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean on or before November 6, 2020.
- Nominee must submit a detailed description of the initiative/efforts made that promotes diversity and an inclusive community and its impact.
- The Nominations Review Committee, consisting of five members appointed by IUPUC's vice chancellor and dean, will review nominations and make recommendations to the vice chancellor.
- Individuals or organizations will be selected, notified, and announced at a special recognition function on the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

## **Recognition**

Recipients will be recognized during an awards ceremony coordinated by the IUPUC Diversity Council.

- Recipients will have an opportunity to address the audience and share a synopsis of their work and its impact.
- They will receive a commemorative plaque.
- A news release listing the award recipients will also be distributed to relevant media outlets.

## **Important dates**

- *Nominations due* Friday, November 6, 2020
- *Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day* Monday, January 18, 2021



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## 2021 Excellence in Diversity Award Nomination Form

**Contact information for nominee**

Name and title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

- Self-nomination
- Nominator's name, title, address, phone number, and e-mail

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**Select one of the following**

- Internal (university) project on the IUPUC campus
- External (community) project that impacts the Columbus community or surrounding region

**Select one nomination category**

- Individual organization
- Group
- Unit
- Project
- Institution

**Checklist of materials to submit**

Completed nomination packages must be e-mailed to the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean at [vicechancellor@iupuc.edu](mailto:vicechancellor@iupuc.edu) on or before Fri., November 6, 2020.

Please check each item below and submit as part of the nomination package:

- 2021 Excellence in Diversity Award Nomination Form
- Written description of the work/activity/project and its impact on diversity and inclusion. Approximately one page, double spaced in length.

If the nomination is recommended for final consideration, the nominator may be asked to provide:

- Supporting documentation of the work/activity/project
- Three letters of support from faculty, staff, students, colleagues, or community members

If you have a disability and need assistance with this nomination, contact the Office of the Vice Chancellor and Dean at 812.348.7226.