



Community-Engaged Alliance

Community Engagement Professional Award

Established in 2006, this award honors community engagement professionals who perform the critical work of cultivating, facilitating, and sustaining high-quality, meaningful, and reciprocal partnerships with community organizations. These individuals play an essential role in advocating for and maintaining the overall community engagement mission and infrastructure of the institution by supporting faculty, other professional staff, students, and departments across the institution as they work in and with their local communities. These community engagement professionals possess the knowledge, skills, and ability to secure community-based, co-educational environments that strengthen students' confidence, competency, and self-efficacy, all while playing an integral part in creating and sustaining a culture of engagement.

Learn more about the past recipients of this award on the Community-Engaged Alliance website at <https://communityengagedalliance.org/awards/>.

Eligibility

To receive this competitive award, nominees must be full-time professional staff who work in the field of curricular and/or co-curricular community engagement (e.g., supporting faculty, students, community partners, or the institution as a whole). Recipients must be employed at a Community-Engaged Alliance partner institution.

Timeline

- Nominations Due: December 31, 2022
- Peer-Review: January 16 – February 16, 2023
- Recipient Announced: April 21, 2023, at the 2023 Summit & Research Symposium
- Awardee Engagement: June 2023 through April 2024



Nomination Process

All nominations/self-nominations must be submitted electronically via the Awards Nomination Portal, accessible from the link on the Community-Engaged Alliance Awards webpage at <https://communityengagedalliance.org/awards/> or by scanning the QR code above. Application materials must be saved as PDF documents in the following manner:

- a single Application Packet that includes the Personal Statement, Evidence of Community Engagement, and Letters of Nomination
- a single Nominee Information Packet that includes the Brief Biography and Highlight of Accomplishments
- a high-resolution Professional Headshot saved as either a .jpg or .png file

Nomination Requirements

Application Packet—*Ensure that all required components are addressed and that the packet is saved as a single PDF file.*

- Nomination Form (required, preview available in Appendix A)
- Personal Statement (required, 1,000 words)
 - Discuss your (the nominee's) commitment to community engagement and how you (they) have integrated community engagement throughout your professional work.
 - Discuss your (the nominee's) role as a community-engaged leader at your (their) institution and within the community and/or field of community engagement.
- Evidence of Community Engagement
 - Community Partner Engagement (required)
List and provide a brief overview of your (their) engagement with community partners/the local community, including how you (they) are/have been involved, dates of involvement, and any professional service provided.

- Other Community Engagement (required)
List and provide a brief overview of any other institution-wide, department-wide, and/or co-curricular activities you (they) lead and/or support. This can include but is not limited to, faculty/staff professional development activities, student-focused programming, and community partner support. If you (they) advise, lead, or support a community-engaged student organization, please include that information in this section.
- Community-Engaged Teaching (if applicable)
List and provide a brief overview of each community-engaged course you (they) teach. Each summary should include how often/how many times the course has been taught, the type(s) of community engagement activities incorporated, how your (their) community partner(s) are/were involved in the course development and implementation, and how student learning outcomes are connected to course activities.
- Engaged Scholarship (if applicable)
List all community-engaged scholarly works produced (both peer-reviewed and invited), including but not limited to articles, manuscripts, conference presentations, research briefs, white papers, and other creative works. Scholarly works produced as a result of Community-Engaged Alliance funding should be noted, and links to online sources are to be included where applicable.
- Community-Engaged Research (if applicable)
Briefly discuss your (their) community-engaged research interests. If applicable, provide a list and overview (2 to 3 sentences each) of your (their) completed and in-process community-engaged research projects.
- Letters of Nomination/Recommendation (3 total)
 - 1 Letter from an upper-level administrator, supervisor, or department head/chair.
 - 1 Letter from a community partner/member.
 - 1 Letter from a colleague or student (current or former) discussing how the nominee impacted their growth toward becoming an engaged scholar-practitioner (colleague), or an engaged civic leader within their community (student or colleague), and/or impacted their development toward addressing community-identified issues to bring about positive social change (student or colleague).

Nominee Information Packet—*All components are required. Save all items, except for the headshot, as a single PDF file.*

- Biography (300 words)
- Highlight of Accomplishments (150 words); *to be used should the nominee receive the award.*
- Professional Headshot (high-resolution, .jpeg, .jpg, or .png)

Review Criteria

Nominees are reviewed based on the following criteria:

- Articulation of their understanding of community engagement and how it has been integrated across their work.
- Articulation of how they have contributed to the field of community engagement.
- Evidence of their ability to develop and/or support a culture of community engagement.
- Evidence of their ability to support faculty, staff, students, and community partners throughout their work.
- Evidence that their community engagement initiatives result in authentic, collaborative work and positive change.

Award Recipient Engagement

Community-Engaged Alliance will highlight the work and engage the award recipient in the following ways (June to April):

- Announced at the 2023 Summit & Research Symposium. All nominees are asked to attend.
- Showcase award recipients in the following ways:
 - Present and/or serve as a facilitator/moderator during the 2024 Summit & Research Symposium
 - Serve as a mentor for 2023–2024 Emerging Leaders (faculty, staff, and/or students) by presenting their research and/or program models via webinar and expert lecture sessions.
 - Serve on the Community Engagement Professionals Award review committee for the following year.

Award Materials

Award winners will be presented with an award plaque and a \$500 cash gift. This cash gift is payable after the recipient's w-9 is received. Recipients may choose to have their payment directed to an Indiana nonprofit organization.

View highlights of previous recipients and learn more about the
Community Engagement Professionals Award at <https://communityengagedalliance.org/awards/>.