

Alvin S. Bynum Award for Excellence in Academic Mentoring - 2021

The Bynum Mentor Award is given each year to outstanding academic mentors who have demonstrated longstanding and extraordinary commitment to the learning process.

One faculty member and one professional staff member may be named each year. A \$1,000 cash award will be given to each recipient.

Eligibility

- All full- and part-time faculty and academic professional staff members; including all advisors, mentors, and counselors at the TE, PA, and PB employee classification levels.

Criteria

- Criteria for selection include the mentor's cumulative impact on the lives of students, commitment to student development, and the ability to project and instill enthusiasm and pride.
- The emphasis in selection of award recipients will be on out-of-class mentoring activities, not in-class teaching.
- The awards are designed for individuals recognized by students and colleagues as having made truly extraordinary contributions.
- Nominees may include persons working with undergraduate students, graduate students, and professional students, although the selection committee will place a priority on undergraduate mentoring.
- Nomination and support letters must speak to the candidate's extraordinary service as an academic advisor or personal mentor to students over a period of several years and who have, thus, demonstrated a cumulative impact on the quality of learning available at IUPUI.

Nomination Process

- Any member of the campus community may serve as a nominator. Nominations prepared jointly by faculty and students are encouraged.
- Complete the electronic nomination form and upload required documentation online at: <https://academicaffairs.iupui.edu/Faculty-Affairs/Honors-Awards/IUPUI-Campus-Awards/Bynum/>

Documentation

All supporting documentation for the nomination must be submitted electronically and should include the following:

- **Nomination letter:** An official nomination letter which should be concise, substantive, and specific, demonstrating why the candidate being nominated has made such a distinctive contribution.
- **Curriculum Vitae:** Candidate's curriculum vitae (CV)
- **Letters of support:** *No more than six (6)* letters of support from current and former students, faculty, and colleagues.
 - Each letter should be solicited and addressed to the Bynum Mentor Selection Committee and include the writer's full contact information.
 - Letters should support the nomination letter by imparting direct experience with the candidate's mentoring activities. Letters included in the nomination packet should address as thoroughly as possible the following items:
 - Devotion beyond the "call of duty" and involvement with students beyond normal and expected requirements of candidate's position with the university.
 - Indication of statements or activities which show commitment to the educational philosophy that a significant aspect of formal education is for students to "know thyself".



- Demonstrated pride and loyalty to IUPUI and the instilling of that same pride and loyalty in students.
- Recognition of outstanding record by students and colleagues.

Uploaded files should be in PDF format. If documentation is not currently available electronically, it can be scanned. The Center for Teaching and Learning, University Library Room 1125, can assist with this process.

In addition to the required documentation, please provide the following when completing the nomination form online:

- **Nominee Information:** First and last name; university ID#, candidate's classification; school; department; campus address; e-mail address; and phone number
- **Nominator Information:** First and last name; university ID#; school; department; campus address; e-mail address; and phone number

Note: For jointly prepared nominations, only one nominator's information can be entered as a contact. All other nominators can be accounted for at the end of the nomination letter.

Nomination Deadline

Nominations must be submitted online no later than **Sunday, January 10, 2021 at midnight.**

Selection Process

The review committee will be comprised of past winners of the Bynum Mentor Award.

Questions

Contact the Office of Academic Affairs, (oa@iupui.edu or 317-274-4500).

Nomination Deadline

Nominations must be submitted online no later than **Friday, January 10, 2021 at midnight.**

