Title: Community Scholar. Optional: The Scholar title may be modified by the use of one of the terms: Teaching, Research, or Service. Alternative titles: Field Experience Supervisor; Clinical Supervisor.

Classification: Honorary without remuneration.

Description: Civic engagement at IUPUI takes many different forms and draws upon both institutional and external resources to meet educational objectives across teaching, research, and service. A Community Scholar represents a formal, flexible, and term appointment with academic status at IUPUI. The appointment reflects a colleague’s significant and meaningful contributions to meeting educational objectives for IUPUI students through community-based learning activities, research, or professional service. A Community Scholar is expected to engage in these activities through such roles as supervising community-based internships, clinical placements, field experiences, or service learning; teaching in an approved curriculum of the Community Learning Network or other formally recognized school-based continuing education program; serving as a co-teacher from another state or nation via distance education; participating in organized research conducted under the auspices of an academic or academic service unit; or providing direct services at a high level of responsibility in cooperation with an academic unit of the campus. The Community Scholar is differentiated from an adjunct appointment by not having direct responsibility and authority for teaching (i.e., awarding credit), research (i.e., receiving grants or contracts), or implementation of service (i.e., obligating the institution).

Qualifications: Community Scholars are expected to have expertise through experience or training that prepares them to contribute to the educational achievement of students in community-based learning. A record of sustained participation with academic units of IUPUI is expected, ordinarily of at least a year’s duration. Recommendation for appointment should be based on a documented record of significant contribution (e.g., certification as a qualified internship or field experience supervisor). The candidate’s expertise and training must be broadly consistent with clearly understood learning objectives, research objectives, or professional service. Ordinarily, a Community Scholar will hold a baccalaureate or advanced degree.

Appointing unit: A Community Scholar may hold appointment in a department, school, center, or academic service unit subject to the approval of the senior academic administrative officer of the unit and the Dean of the Faculties.

Term: Appointments are for up to five years. Appointments may be renewed. This appointment may not be held concurrently with any other academic appointment whether full or part-time.

Appointment Procedures: The initiative for applying to become a Community Scholar may come from either the candidate or an IUPUI faculty member or academic administrator. In either case, a complete application for initial appointment will include (1) a completed cover sheet; (2) a letter from the responsible academic administrator stating how the nominee is prepared to contribute to the educational goals of students, courses, programs, initiatives, centers, or other activities at IUPUI based on previous experience; (3) a resume of the candidate’s professional background and documentation
of at least one year’s prior involvement with the academic mission of the campus; and (4) a draft letter of appointment. Renewed appointments need only approval of the dean or appropriate academic administrator. Recommendations for appointment should be made through the usual academic appointment process and be completed with the entry of an electronic appointment form.

**Rights and Privileges:** Community Scholars are not employees of Indiana University and are not subject to IUPUI or Indiana University regulations except that they will voluntarily commit to observing IUPUI policies regarding Academic Ethics, Sexual Harassment, and Non-Discrimination; and they will consent to a criminal background check. When applicable, Community Scholars may be asked to observe other specific policies (e.g., Human Subjects) contingent on the nature and scope of their affiliation. Community Scholars may have the privileges of academic appointment with regard to computer access with a personal account, library resources, parking, identification card, business cards, use of facilities, and other privileges as may be stated in the letter of appointment approved by the Dean of the Faculties. In some instances, Community Scholars may be located in other cities or nations, making remote access to resources important. Community Scholars are not eligible for salary, fringe benefits, leaves, tenure, participation in faculty governance, or other privileges reserved for employees. Community Scholars may be terminated for cause at any time. Extensions or renewals of appointment are to be based on a review of mutual benefit.