



Bicentennial Professors Signature Project

Public FAQ

What is the Bicentennial Professor Signature Project?

Throughout IU's history, faculty have traveled to Indiana communities sharing their expertise directly with Hoosiers. Indiana University's Bicentennial Professors are renewing this tradition. Bicentennial Professors are extraordinary faculty who demonstrate a commitment to public outreach, community engagement, and translational public outcomes in their teaching, research, and service.

The Bicentennial Professor Signature Project's goal is to bring a Bicentennial Project to all 92 counties in the state of Indiana during IU's Bicentennial year (July 2019-June 2020). The Bicentennial Professors cover a wide range of topics including areas within: business and management, climate change and sustainability, community development, diversity and inclusion, education, globalization, health and wellness, and literature and arts.

Who are the Bicentennial Professors?

The Bicentennial Professors are a select group of Indiana University faculty chosen by all seven IU campuses, IU's School of Medicine, Dentistry, and the Maurer and McKinney Schools of Law. Twenty-four of IU's most engaging faculty will "hit the road" and engage with community members about timely topics relevant to Indiana and the world. The professors represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines and will bring their research and expertise to the state of Indiana.

What does Indiana University provide with this project?

Indiana University's Bicentennial is excited to partner with communities across the state to bring a Bicentennial Professor to speak in your community or at your organization. IU covers all travel and speaking fees for the professors to come to your community. The Bicentennial office can provide electronic versions of relevant marketing materials for the program in general, or the specific professor.

What do the community partners provide with this project?

Community partners provide the forum for the professors to present and engage with the community. Bicentennial Professors can present to your specific organization at an already established meeting or event, or you can host a special event that features a Bicentennial Professor. The goal is to provide an opportunity for the professors to engage your community with timely and relevant topics.

Community partners are responsible for all marketing outreach related to the professor's engagement. This outreach can be as simple as including information about the event within an organization's newsletter or e-listserv to inviting the broader community through newspaper or other public media.

Community partners are responsible for providing refreshments (if desired) and covers any costs related to the hosting venue, advertising or print materials for the event.

What about technology?

Access to technology like LCD projectors, screens and Wi-Fi would be helpful, but is not required. The Bicentennial office will ensure the professors have whatever technological resources needed for their presentation, and/or work with the professors to provide engaging presentation with limited technology.

My organization wants to host a Bicentennial Professor. What do we do?

1. Submit the "Request a Professor" form found at <http://go.iu.edu/200tour>
2. Once your form is received you will be contacted by a member of the Bicentennial office to begin arrangements for a Bicentennial Professor to present at your organization's event or to plan an event.
3. The Bicentennial office representative will work with you to identify the best topic and speaker for your organization. Potential dates and times will be discussed, along with other specific event related needs like technology, marketing, etc.
4. The Bicentennial office representative will then work with the professor and your organization to schedule the event and provide support for both the professor and organization.
5. Hosting organizations may be invited to provide feedback related to the Bicentennial Professor Signature Project through a short, post-event, online survey.

Questions? Contact Cindy Broderick at uha@indiana.edu or 812-856-0893 for more information.