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Applications are Open for the Gerald Bepko Faculty Community Engagement Award
Faculty have until March 22 to apply for the biennial award

(INDIANAPOLIS) – Faculty at Indiana public and private institutions are invited to apply for the [Gerald Bepko Community Engagement Award](#) (Bepko Award), an award presented to faculty members who embody the pillars of community engagement. The [Indiana Commission for Higher Education](#) is encouraging all full-time faculty members who are currently engaged in teaching, research or service commitments that contribute to the greater good of the community to apply for the award. The Bepko Award was established in 2019 to honor the legacy of Dr. Gerald “Jerry” Bepko and his decades of service to Indiana University and the Commission for Higher Education.

“Through scholarly research, pedagogy and service, Indiana faculty work to exemplify the principles of community engagement,” said the Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. “The Commission is proud to recognize the dedication of these educators who inspire others to play a part in the work that is being done in the state to further deep connections and collaboration within the community.”

The deadline to apply for the award is Wednesday, March 22, 2023. Recipients will be announced at the [H. Kent Weldon Conference](#) on Monday, April 3, 2023. The application for the Bepko Award can be found on the [Commission’s website](#).

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates and defines Indiana’s postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana’s financial aid programs, including the [21st Century Scholars](#) early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020. Learn more about the Commission’s Reaching Higher in a State of Change strategic plan at www.in.gov/che.