



SUBMIT A SPRING 2021 EVENT PROPOSAL!

The University Series Committee is seeking student proposals for events, lectures, and/or performances that expand upon the 2020-2022 theme, *Making Our Way Home*. We welcome diverse and inclusive proposals that promote student voice and engagement within our campus community and possibly beyond.

This opportunity is open to all UIndy students & student organizations.

What is the University Series?

The University Series is a yearly collection of events, lectures, performances, and activities that explore a theme and one or more of the university's learning goals as means to encourage lively and thoughtful discussion and engagement of diverse and versatile topics. It is the series' intention to create opportunities for students, staff, and community to come together and learn from leaders, scholars, and one another enhancing the intellectual life and community spirit of campus, the city, and beyond. [Learn more.](#)

Who can submit a proposal?

This opportunity is open to all current UIndy students, group of students, and/or student organizations. Students must have a co-sponsor/advisor that is a current UIndy staff, administrator, or faculty member. Please consult your co-sponsor/advisor before completing the Google Form (link below).

When is the deadline to submit a proposal?

The deadline is Friday, January 29, 2021 at 5 pm EST. **If you plan to offer LP credit for your event, you will need to submit a separate proposal to the LP Committee. LP submission deadlines may be earlier than January 29.* [Learn more.](#)

What do I need to prepare before applying?

All submissions must consider and address how the proposal incorporates or expands on the University Series' theme and goals related to "Making Our Way Home."

In 2020-2022, we are exploring the intersection of two [university goals](#) — social responsibility and critical thinking. We are thinking critically, asking questions related to identity, acceptance, responsibility, establishment, and more. In this process, we are fostering microcosms of health and crafting ecologies of engagement between peoples. We are displaying our capacity for social responsibility; encountering and negotiating new intersections along paths that may feel strangely familiar. As we consider and engage the realities of the world today, please join us in "Making Our Way Home," contemplating who we are, where we are going, and how each of us defines "home."

If you have any questions about the application process, reach out to one of the University Series Co-Chairs (see contact information at bottom of next page).

Is funding available?

The University Series Committee reviews proposals for four endowed lectures, each with their own parameters. We will be awarding up to \$2,500 from each endowment to fund student proposals (*up to \$2,500 for a single proposal; proposals can be for a single event or series of events*). See below for more information about potential funding sources. **We hope to have a second call for proposals in 2021 if resources allow.*

- **Ratliff Lectureship in Ethics, Values, and Human Responsibility:** coordinated by the College of Advanced Behavioral Sciences, explores the importance of ethics and values in every aspect of life. *Up to \$2,500 per proposal request*
- **Sutphin Lectureship:** restricted to topics in the **Humanities**. *Up to \$5,000 total (\$2,500 per proposal request)*
- **Penrod Lectureship:** may be used for proposals that focus on topics of **Science and/or Religion**. This lectureship is unusual in that it permits a wider range of topics than any of the other endowed speaker funds. Proposals from the social and natural sciences have been funded. Proposals for events associated with non-Christian religions have also been funded. *Up to \$2,500 per proposal request*
- **Showers Lectureship:** named after the Evangelical United Brethren Bishop J. Balmer Showers, the fund considers proposals focusing on the **Christian religion**. Please keep in mind that the parameters of this endowment are quite specific. *Up to \$2,500 per proposal request*

How will I know if my proposal was accepted?

The University Series Committee will update all applicants about the status of their proposal via email as soon as a decision has been made.

Timeline overview

Submission Deadline: January 29, 2021 at 5 pm EST

Notice of Committee: After February 15, 2021

Event to take place: SM II 2020-2021 (March 1 to April 9)

If my proposal is approved, what do I need to do?

- Submit an **LP Credit Application**.
- Complete event planning tasks as outlined **here**.
- Adhere to all **Protect the Pack** guidelines and regulations.
- Plan and host event(s) as proposed.
- Submit the Event Assessment Report and Event Planners Assessment Report to the Series Committee.

Ready to submit your proposal?
[Click here to access the Google Form](#)

Have questions or need help with a proposal idea? Contact University Series Committee Co-Chairs Travis K. Miller (tmiller@uindy.edu) and/or Katherine J. Fries (frieskj@uindy.edu).