



Course Proposal Cover Sheet Honors Think Tank

University Honors Program

Concept: The University Honors Program seeks proposals for team-taught Honors Think Tanks that meet USU's General Education Depth requirements and allow students to explore one topic through two disciplinary lenses. Each 25-student Think Tank is team-taught by two outstanding professors with fundamentally different areas of expertise, and Honors invites proposals from faculty teams who envision teaching together across two of the following three different course numbers/ depth areas: HONR 3010 (DSC: Life/Physical Sciences), HONR 3020 (DHA: Humanities/Arts), and HONR 3030 (DSS: Social Sciences). Each student registers and earns USU credit for one depth area, but all students progress on all learning outcomes in both disciplinary areas. Faculty are responsible for the section aligned with their expertise, but they share much of the grading and team-teach every class, exploring the topic from their disciplinary perspective and modeling cross-disciplinary discussion. Honors Think Tanks capture students' imaginations, encourage them to take intellectual risks in a safe environment, and engage them as USU "Citizen Scholars" in their local and/or global communities (CEL course designations encouraged). Each section also typically meets either CI or QI requirements. Selected courses will launch in Fall 2023 or Spring 2024 and run again in AY 2024-25.

Requirements: All proposals must include a signed cover sheet, two one-page pedagogical resumes (one for each instructor), a five-page course overview, and a five-page draft syllabus (see [Call for Course Proposals](#) for details).

Deadlines: Proposals are due **January 3, 2023**. Application review will be complete by **mid-February**, with notification of all faculty, along with department heads and deans of those teaching selected courses, by **February 15**. Updated syllabi and learning-outcome rubrics for selected courses are due **April 10, 2023**, with final approval by **May 1, 2023**, and course-development stipends paid upon Honors approval.

Payment: Each instructor will earn a \$500 course-development stipend upon final course approval. Instructors agree to team-teach the course with faculty partner, once in AY 2023-24 and again in AY 2024-25. Each time the course is taught, Honors will pay \$5000 to each faculty member's department (\$10,000 total/class) for course buyout or faculty compensation, depending on departmental needs and at each Department Head's discretion.

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Proposed Think Tank Depth Areas (select TWO): DHA DSS DSC

Proposed Starting Term: Fall 2023 Spring 2024

Faculty Team Information and Departmental Approval: *Please indicate the depth area for which each faculty member will take primary responsibility (areas must differ and match selection above; sections may share CI/QI designation).*

1) Name: _____ A#: _____ Email: _____ Department: _____

Primary Responsibility for (check one): DHA DSS DSC **and** (check one): CI QI

Faculty signature _____

(Signature indicates agreement to teach this course for the compensation indicated above, pending course approval.)

Department Head signature: _____ DH printed name: _____

(Signature indicates agreement that this faculty member can teach the course, if approved, in AY 2022-23 and 2023-24 and that Honors will pay the department \$5000 for buyout or compensation each time the course runs.)

2) Name: _____ A#: _____ Email: _____ Department: _____

Primary Responsibility for (check one): DHA DSS DSC **and** (check one): CI QI

Faculty signature: _____

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Please complete and email this form with all proposal materials to the University Honors Program (honors@usu.edu).