The Utah State University Honors Program, in cooperation with the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, seeks creative, exciting proposals from faculty for Honors Introductory Experience courses. In addition to meeting USU’s General Education Breadth requirements, these introductory seminars offer first- and second-year Honors students transformative and memorable educational experiences as they investigate the “big questions” at the heart of general education at USU. Honors courses actively engage students in hands-on research and field work, global and local citizenship, and cross-disciplinary conversation. For the current cycle, Honors seeks to add one social science Honors Introductory Experience course that meets USU's General Education requirements for BSS (HONR 1340). The selected course will run one time in Fall 2022 with the option to re-apply for the next three-year cycle.

Faculty applications are due FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2022, and must include:

- A completed information form, with Department Head signature indicating permission to teach for the University Honors Program, should the proposal be accepted;
- A one-page pedagogical resume with evidence of an outstanding record of teaching;
- A one-page description of a transformative Honors Introductory Experience course designed to challenge 25 high-achieving Honors students from all majors to take risks and to embrace the role of “citizen scholar.” Descriptions should clearly articulate:
  - How the proposed course meets USU’s General Education Breadth requirements;
  - How course assignments, activities, and structure create an experiential educational opportunity for Honors students; and
  - How the course will help students to meet each of the USU Honors Program’s learning outcomes: critical thinking, independent research, interdisciplinary learning, and community engagement.
- A draft syllabus outlining 15 weeks (no dates necessary at this stage) of proposed texts, assignments, and activities (please limit syllabus length to no more than five pages).

Application decisions will be made by MARCH 25, based on review by two cross-college boards: the Honors Faculty Advisory Board and the Honors Student Advisory Board. The Honors Program Executive Director may also consult relevant Department Heads and Deans, as necessary. Successful applications will present courses that appeal in clear, specific language to both faculty and students.

Faculty selected from the initial application pool to teach for the University Honors Program will then:

- Submit to Honors a course outcomes rubric and updated syllabus by May 13, 2022;
- Revise as required to secure Honors final approval by June 3, 2022;
- Agree to teach the course once in Fall 2022, with the option to re-apply for a full three-year cycle;
- Honors agrees to pay $4500 each time the course is taught, to be used as course buyout or faculty compensation at the department’s discretion;
- Earn the title “Distinguished Professor (Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, Professional Practice Professor, Instructor, etc.) of Honors Education” while teaching the course;
- Teach a seminar-style course of no more than 25 Honors students, with the assistance of an Honors Undergraduate Teaching Fellow specially selected for the course.

All faculty applicants will be notified with a decision by April 1, 2022. For submission questions, please contact Dr. Kristine Miller, Honors Program Executive Director, at kristine.miller@usu.edu or 797-3637. Completed applications should be submitted by the deadline to honors@usu.edu.