

CALL FOR HONORS FACULTY FELLOWS

OVERVIEW

Established in 2020, the Honors Faculty Fellow designation is given to faculty who advance the mission of the University of Idaho Honors Program.

The University Honors Program's mission is to engage highly motivated undergraduate students in challenging and creative academic experiences that explore and solve issues of today and tomorrow. We achieve this through diverse learning communities committed to excellence, creativity, and innovation.

Our learning communities include

- Honors courses taught by select professors that count toward students' degree work and offer an honors thesis or honors portfolio option.
- Honors living-and-learning communities for first year and 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year students.
- Honors co-curricular enrichment opportunities that promote faculty-student mentorships outside of the classroom, such as the Honors Program Colloquium Series and excursions to honors conferences as well as honors student clubs.

Our program has ca. 600 students who come from Idaho, from across the United States and abroad, and who major in academic programs from across all colleges. Our program staff serves as our students' secondary academic advisers who assist with curriculum planning, identification of undergraduate research, education abroad, and internship opportunities as well as engaging honors students in our Peer Mentor Program, our honors student clubs, and the honors student magazine *The Looking Glass*, to name just a few enrichment opportunities. Our program also houses the Distinguished Scholarships Program (DSP), which advises and assists students with applications to nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships, such as Fulbright fellowships and Goldwater scholarships.

FACULTY FELLOW OPPORTUNITY

Many University of Idaho faculty contribute in substantial ways to the mission of the Honors Program. In order to offer faculty an opportunity to formalize their contributions, we created the courtesy title Honors Faculty Fellow. Involvement with the program by Honors Faculty Fellows may include, but are not limited to the following:

- Mentoring honors students' research and creative projects or other scholarly projects, especially those leading to an honors thesis or other project, including assisting honors students with grant applications.
- Preparing honors students to apply to and taking them to attend the annual Western Regional Honors Council conference in spring semesters.
- Developing faculty-led research and education abroad opportunities for honors students during the academic year or summer.
- Serve in the Distinguished Scholarships Program are under the direction of the UHP Director.
- Assisting the program director with developing capacity in strategic areas, including faculty development, student recruitment and retention, and curriculum assessment.

- Serving as a university-wide ambassador for the University Honors Program.
- If needed, teach an HON INTR class for 1 honors credit in the areas of undergraduate research and scholarship, preparation for undergraduate research and scholarship, or transition to college.

Please note that Honors Faculty Fellows must contribute to at least two of the above listed areas during each semester of their appointment. The anticipated time commitment is approximately 10-15% of the faculty member's time, or 4-5 hours a week, and would be noted in the faculty fellows' position description.

Honors Faculty Fellows are eligible to apply for professional development funding from the Honors Program to support enhancement activities related to the tasks associated with the fellowship, such as attending workshops or conferences related to their research and teaching, developing course materials, etc. Faculty Fellows may apply for up to \$1,000/semester to support such activities.

The fellowship is for an initial duration of at least two semesters and may be renewed for another two semesters with the approval of the director and depending on funding. All University of Idaho faculty are eligible to apply, including all tenured, tenure-track, clinical and clinical-track faculty and instructors.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Individual faculty members wishing to apply may do so at any time. Applications received by March 1 will be considered for a start date of fall semester 2025 and the fellowship would comprise fall 2025 and spring 2026 semesters.

Only complete applications will be considered. Complete applications include:

- A completed cover sheet (attached).
- A full UI and up-to-date CV.
- Two brief statements of no more than 200 words each; the first statement describing past contributions to the mission of the University Honors Program and the second statement describing proposed future contributions in at least two of the areas listed above.

Please email all application materials as a pdf scan to honors@uidaho.edu.

Applications will be reviewed on a revolving basis by the Director of the University Honors Program. Applicants will be evaluated based on their past, current, and future contributions to the Honors Program. Decisions will be communicated to the applicant in a timely manner and their names will be featured on the Honors Program webpage.

For additional information, please contact UHP Director Sandra Reineke at honors@uidaho.edu or (208) 885-7702.

HONORS FACULTY FELLOW APPLICATION FORM

Return this application cover sheet along with the requested materials as a pdf scan to honors@uidaho.edu.

Requested application materials include:

- This application cover sheet with department head and college dean signatures.
- A full UI and up-to-date CV.
- Two brief statements of no more than 200 words each; the first statement describing past contributions to the mission of the University Honors Program and the second statement describing proposed future contributions in at least two of the areas listed on the call for applications.

First and Last Name:

Title:

Department and College:

UI email:

Your department head and college dean must sign below to indicate approval of this application. Please submit your two statements describing your past and desired future Honors Program contributions with this application cover sheet to your department head and college dean.

The faculty member above has applied to serve as Honors Faculty Fellow to serve ca. 10-15% of their time in Honors. Their time commitment will be noted on their revised position description should they be selected. Please indicate with your signature that you approve of their application for the 2025-2026 academic year:

Department Head signature:
Please print name:

Date:

College Dean signature:
Please print name:

Date: