



# Honors Think Tank Proposal Form

## DUE MARCH 13, 2017

**Concept:** The University Honors Program offers team-taught Think Tanks that take a unique interdisciplinary approach to General Education “Citizen Scholar” Depth requirements, allowing students to explore a shared topic from different disciplinary perspectives. Each small face-to-face seminar is team-taught by two professors from different disciplines; proposals should come jointly from pairs of faculty who envision teaching together. Each Think Tank cross-lists two of the following three course numbers: HONR 3010 (DSC: Life and Physical Sciences), HONR 3020 (DHA: Humanities and Creative Arts), and HONR 3030 (DSS: Social Sciences). Students register for one course number, and professors evaluate the discipline-specific work in their halves of the course, sharing responsibility for the class as a whole and team-teaching the class topic through their different disciplinary lenses. Because of the “Citizen Scholar” designation, these courses engage honors students in their local or global communities; service-learning course designations are welcome. Selected courses will launch in spring or fall 2018 and run again in 2019.

**Requirements:** All proposals must include a complete, signed copy of this form and a detailed course proposal (see CFP).

**Deadlines:** Proposals are due **March 13, 2017**. Application review will be complete by **April 10**, with notification of all faculty, along with department heads and deans of those teaching with selected courses, by **April 17**. Updated syllabi for selected courses are due **May 15**, with final approval by **October 1** and course development stipends paid upon 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 2018 and again in 2019. Each time the course is taught, Honors will pay \$4500 to each faculty member’s department (\$9000 total/class) for course buyout or faculty compensation, depending on departmental needs and at the Department Head’s discretion.

**Faculty team information:**

1) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ A# \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ UMC \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*(By signing, you agree to teach this course for the compensation indicated above, pending Honors approval.)*

**Department Head Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*(By signing, you agree to allow the faculty member to teach this course, if approved, for two consecutive years in 2018 and 2019, with the understanding that the department will receive from Honors a \$4500 payment for buyout or compensation.)*

2) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ A# \_\_\_\_\_ Dept. \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ UMC \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

*(By signing, you agree to teach this course for the compensation indicated on proposal, pending Honors approval.)*

**Department Head Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

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Please select the **TWO** General Education Depth courses that your proposal combines, listing which instructor will take primary responsibility for each of the two. Indicate which additional Citizen Scholar requirements (CI/QI) each part of the course will meet (proposals must outline how requirements are met):

- **DHA**  (CI  QI ) Primary Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- **DSS**  (CI  QI ) Primary Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_
- **DSC**  (CI  QI ) Primary Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Starting Term: **Spring 2018**  **Fall 2018**

**Please scan and email or bring a copy of this form with application materials to the University Honors Program (435-797-2715; LLC A, Room 112; honors@usu.edu)**