

HONORS COLLEGE FACULTY FELLOWS PROGRAM

Request for Proposals

2 initial positions

Purpose

The Faculty Fellows Program exists to expand the offerings of honors courses from across the campus community in an effort to better serve students. The Faculty Fellows Program is a key component to the new Honors College and reflects its recent growth by allowing for a greater variety of academic departments and faculty members to propose honors courses. The goal is to expand offerings of honors courses and curriculum beyond its current and historical offerings.

Program Description

Honors College Faculty Fellows will:

- Honors Faculty Fellows are selected to teach six credit hours of honors courses per year
- Participate and lead co-curricular activities with honors students, including Lunch and Learn events, extracurricular trips off-campus, leadership retreats, etc.
- Guide and develop new honors policies and procedures as a member of the Dean's Advisory Council
- In addition to developing and teaching honors courses, Faculty Fellows advise the dean of the Honors College and serve as liaisons between the Honors College and their home departments and colleges.

Honors Faculty Fellows should represent the diversity of the Honors College and Northern Kentucky University. Candidates who enhance the diversity of the Honors College are especially encouraged to apply.

Appointments

Fellowship appointments will be for 12 months with the possibility for a second 12-month appointment renewal. The Dean of the Honors College will work with each Fellow's home academic unit/department to provide teaching release from department or unit support for non-teaching positions during the appointment.

Eligibility

Applicants should have the following qualifications:

- Tenured, Tenure-Track, or NTTR, NTTT, or other appointments considered
- Potential to teach high quality honors courses that meet the needs of the student body
- Documented ability to mentor students on scholarly or creative works
- Willingness to represent the Honors College at department and college meetings to serve as an advocate for honors education

Selection Criteria

- Should possess excellent teaching record with emphasis on innovative or engaging course design
- Ability to develop and offer honors courses that compliment the existing offerings of the Honors College
- Ability to develop and offer courses that help recruit and retain students in the Honors College by connecting student majors/area of academic interest to Foundation of Knowledge courses or by offering honors courses within majors that have large populations of honors students
- Willingness to work with honors students to develop honors student programming outside of the classroom

Benefits

- Fellows participate in a summer course design workshop prior to their first semester of honors teaching and receive a summer stipend of \$2,500 for each summer of their fellowship (or an appropriate alteration of work responsibilities in the case of twelve-month faculty in consultation with the fellow's direct supervisor/department head/chair/dean)
- *Faculty Fellows can apply for additional course release to develop a curricular honors program, serve as a faculty-director for an established honors program within the Honors College, or conduct research on honors education for publication and/or advancement of honors education, if agreed upon by the Honors College and the fellow's direct supervisor/department head/chair/dean)

Application Timeline

- Applications are due by ~~February 26~~ (deadline extended to March 19, 2021) for positions that begin in January 2022 (our selection cycle is delayed this year due to the pandemic, so the initial group of fellows would begin midyear with possible renewal for two additional semesters—Academic Year 2022-2023)
- Email applications to Jim Buss at bussj1@nku.edu
- Final review of applications will be conducted by Honors Affiliated Review Board comprised of members of the Honors College Dean's Advisory Council, Honors Student Council, and Honors College staff

Application Requirements and Procedures

- Curriculum Vitae or Resume (2-page maximum)
- Letter of Intent (3-page maximum) specifying how the applicant intends to contribute to student success as a member of the Honors College and what types of courses (topics, themes, areas) the Fellow will develop in relationship to the Honors College student population

- A signed statement from the applicant's direct supervisor/Department Head/Chair/Dean explaining how the applicant's duties will be covered in absence while serving Honors College students
- Statement of support of nomination from direct supervisor/Department Head/Chair/Dean that describes the applicant's experience in creating dynamic and innovative courses and speaks to the applicant's commitment to supporting diversity and inclusive excellence efforts at NKU