

Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award

The Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award (ITSA) is intended to support the presentation of new interdisciplinary classes which would be otherwise unlikely due to departmental budget and staffing constraints. The ITSA award supports a department to replace or otherwise support a faculty member to offer a class outside the current range offered by her dept.

These classes may be offered in the department across departments or schools, or in special programs like Campus Honors.

Proposed classes may be one-off Special Topics courses, if the faculty member's department houses a Special Topics course. Such proposals therefore will not require approval of CAFs by the Subcommittee on Courses (SCOC). If an appropriate Special Topics category does not exist at the department or school level, the creation of such is the joint responsibility of the proposer and the department, and will require SCOC approval if the course is approved by CEP. It is imagined that such courses, if successful, may later be drafted into CAFs and proposed as new permanent courses.

Proposed courses should demonstrate novel subject matter, novel approach to the subject matter, novel methodology, novel pedagogical practices or cross-fertilisation of usually separate disciplines. Courses addressing topical issues and subjects are particularly sought. Proposals involving community integration and off campus activities are also sought.

The amount of award funding depends on the department's buyout costs. The maximum award per course is \$10,000. Team teaching is encouraged. In exemplary cases, an award of up to 20K is possible for two faculty from different departments.

Application and Selection Procedure

Proposals will be reviewed annually for selection of up to five courses for presentation the following academic year. Proposals will be reviewed by a committee comprised of CEP members including faculty representing a range of disciplines and schools, with experience in interdisciplinary practices.

Call will be publicized in Winter quarter and Awards announced by the end of Spring quarter. Awards will be announced by letter to proposer(s), Department chair(s), Dean(s), Vice Provost of Teaching and Learning, and Provost by the end of Spring Quarter.

Proposal is via the ITSA Proposal form (below). A cover letter from the Chair of the Department is required supporting potential release of the faculty member.

Proposal materials due in ONE PDF document to Michelle AuCoin (maucoin@uci.edu) by the end of the third week of Spring Quarter (April 15, 2016).

ITSA Proposal Form (Submit in ONE PDF document)

1. Name of proposer(s). All proposers must be senate members.
2. Contact information
3. Department affiliation(s)
4. Title of proposed course
5. Special topics or other course name and number.
6. Description. Describe novel subject matter, novel approach to the subject matter, novel methodology, or cross-fertilisation of usually separate disciplines. (250 words max)
7. Justification. What makes this class interdisciplinary, especially topical and/or otherwise innovative? (100 words max)
8. Attach a weekly class outline. (1 page max)
9. Attach a list of course materials (1 page max)
10. Learning outcomes. Explain the educational objectives and grading criteria. (100 words max)
11. How will the course reach a wide community of students? Describe publicity plan or links to existing relevant campus initiatives and organisations. (100 words max)
12. Describe why the proposed course cannot be accommodated within normal departmental class offerings? (100 words max)
13. Resources – identify library, labs, special needs (100 words max)
14. Will this course require a materials/lab fee? If so, explain why and how this will be managed. (100 words max)
15. Attach a support letter from the Chair provisionally approving faculty member release.

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