

Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award  
Call for Proposals  
From the Council on Educational Policy, UC Irvine Academic Senate  
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Overview

The Council on Educational Policy invites proposals from individual faculty Senate Members (ladder rank faculty and lecturers with security of employment or potential security of employment) for the Interdisciplinary Teaching Support Award (ITSA). ITSAs will be awarded to one or more instructors to teach a single undergraduate class of their design for one quarter during AY 2019-2020.

The ITSA awards support the presentation of new interdisciplinary classes; preference will be given to proposals which would be otherwise unlikely to be supported due to departmental budget and staffing constraints. The ITSA award can go to instructor research accounts should they wish to teach the course on overload, or the ITSA award will support a department to replace or otherwise support faculty members to teach a single class outside the current range of classes offered by their department.

ITSA classes may be offered in a single department, cross-listed between departments or offered through one of the awardees' Schools. Proposed classes may be one-off Special Topics courses, if the faculty member's department houses a Special Topics course. If the faculty member's department does not house a Special Topics course, the instructor/department could either propose a Special Topics course or propose the specific ITSA course as a new course. CEP would work with SCOC and the instructor to ensure the ITSA course, like all courses reviewed by SCOC, conforms to SCOC course policy upon approval.

Proposed classes for the ITSA must demonstrate the cross-fertilization of usually separate disciplines; consideration will also be given to novel subject matter (or a novel approach to the subject matter), novel methodology, and/or novel pedagogical practices. Courses addressing topical issues and subjects and courses involving community integration and outreach are particularly sought. The maximum award is up to \$15,000 per proposal.

Application and Selection Procedure

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.

Proposals should be submitted to Michelle AuCoin (maucoin@uci.edu) via the ITSA Proposal form (see below) by February 15, 2019. A cover letter from the Chair of the department is required supporting potential release of the faculty member or approval of overload teaching. Please put the Chair's letter and the proposal into a PDF document.

ITSA Proposal Form (Submit in ONE PDF document)

1. Name of proposer
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-fertilization 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 organizations. (100 words max)
12. Describe why the proposed course cannot be accommodated within normal departmental class offerings. (100 words max)
13. Resources – identify library, lab, or any 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. Include a support letter from the Chair provisionally approving the faculty member's release or permission to teach this interdisciplinary course on overload.