

HONORS PROGRAM FAQs

What is a Faculty Mentor?

The Faculty Mentor provides you with individual guidance tailored to your specific project topic. They can guide you in finding resources for your project and provide individual feedback that helps you strengthen your project. The Faculty Mentor also helps to ensure that your final project can be presented or exhibited publicly.

How do I find a Faculty Mentor?

You can identify a Faculty Mentor based on your past experience working with a particular professor or based on a professor's areas of research or both. If you have taken a course with a professor and really enjoyed working with them, that professor may be a good choice as a Faculty Mentor, especially if your intended project is related to their research interests or the subject of the course you took with them. If your project is not related to the course or the professor's research interests, you can still ask them to suggest another professor as your Faculty Mentor. Alternatively, you can look up different professors' research interests under their profiles at the Department website and identify the one whose interests are closest to your intended project topic.

When should I find a Faculty Mentor?

As early as possible so they can give you feedback on your proposal before you submit your application.

Why can't I use a writing sample that I wrote with other people?

The writing sample is used to evaluate your academic writing skills. If you use a sample that you wrote with other people, it is hard to tell whether it accurately reflects your writing skills or theirs.

I am interested in production. Can I do a production-based Honors project?

Yes. If you are interested in doing a production-based Honors project, it helps if you include an example of a production project you have done in your application materials. If you worked with others on the project, be sure to specify what your role was.

Why can I submit a sample of group work in production but not as a writing sample?

By the time you apply to the Honors Program, you will have several examples of your individual writing from most of the courses you have taken. However, since fewer of your courses will be in production, you will have fewer opportunities to produce individual production projects.