

## CORE x ENGAGED HUMANITIES INSTITUTE



May 9–10, 2024 Call for Applicants

Are you interested in designing courses that are more interdisciplinary and more engaging for a variety of students? Would you like to teach a Core Exploration course (X course) but haven't found the time for syllabus design? Are you curious about the idea of making your course more engaged with timely public issues but need a push to explore your options?

UP's Core and the <u>Public Research Fellows</u> invite applications for the Core x Engaged Humanities Institute, a 2-day course development (or re-development) workshop to support faculty from all UP schools, disciplines, and ranks in developing interdisciplinary and engaged humanities pedagogical approaches for new or revised X courses. Participants will earn a \$750 stipend as they gain practical strategies for course design and creating engaged learning experiences, leaving the Institute with a set of concrete materials to build out a future course.

The Institute is founded on the idea that the Engaged Humanities provide an excellent set of practices and mindsets for integrating multiple disciplines and for engaging a broad range of students. Even and especially for faculty whose area of expertise is far from humanities disciplines, the engaged humanities are helpful for how they:

- seek to develop understandings of human experience and values (especially stories, art, faith, language, and history)
- through **modes of interpretive inquiry** (including open-ended discussion, reading and writing about primary texts, and questioning received narratives)
- that **connect academic work with the world outside the classroom** (via timely issues, interdisciplinary collaboration, or a focus on local/global communities).

## Institute activities will include:

- Day 1 sessions on putting interdisciplinarity into classroom practice, the basics of Core Exploration courses, exploring engaged humanities tools and examples, and leading engaging classroom discussions
- A Day 2 devoted primarily to working on your own, with small group workshops at the beginning and end of the day followed by an Institute happy hour

## Participants can expect to leave the Institute with:

- A new or revised course description and learning outcome(s) for an X or otherwise interdisciplinary course
- A new or revised assignment and scaffolding using engaged humanities for interdisciplinary learning
- Experience using the online **Engaged Humanities toolkit** for future steps in engaged humanities teaching

## Apply by April 2, 2024

Applications that feature X-course proposals will be preferred, but even those who do not teach X courses are welcome to apply.

Submit this form to apply; send any questions to Jen McDaneld (mcdaneld@up.edu)