The M. Eugene Sundt Endowed Professorship in the Honors College

The M. Eugene Sundt Professorship in the Honors College has two aims: (1) to support the development of exceptional and innovative teaching ideas; and (2) to foster unique, experience-based classes in the Honors College and the curriculum at large. The professorship has two components: The Sundt Honors Professorship and the Sundt Honors Seminar.

The M. Eugene Sundt Honors Professorship

The Sundt Honors Professorship is awarded biennially and is named by a selection committee appointed by the Dean of the Honors College. Sundt Honors Professors hold the professorship for one academic year. Sundt Honors Professors are provided with a salary increment of $10,000 and a budget of approximately $10,000 to develop, plan, and finance a Sundt Honors Seminar to be taught in the Spring semester of the award year. All full-time NMSU faculty are eligible to apply.

The Sundt Honors Professorship is awarded on the basis of proposals submitted by applicants in the spring semester prior to the award year. The proposal must include a detailed description of the Sundt Honors Seminar to be taught during the Spring semester of the award year, including a description of the unique travel or other activity that will be developed. The Sundt Honors Professor uses the Fall semester of the award year to plan and organize the class to be taught in the Spring semester and to select students for the class. Each year approximately 15 students will be chosen by the Sundt Honors Professor from applications by honors-eligible students. The students in the class will be designated Sundt Honors Scholars for that semester.

The Sundt Honors Seminar (HON 450V)

In furtherance of the Honors College’s educational mission, Sundt Honors Seminars aims to foster student engagement by offering intensive learning opportunities both inside and outside the traditional classroom. The Sundt Honors Seminar is a unique, experience-based, interdisciplinary seminar developed and taught by the Sundt Honors Professor. The course is taught in the spring semester by the holder of the Sundt Honors Professorship for that academic year. It may include a travel experience related to the seminar topic, hosting of outside specialists, or other unique activity. The instructor is provided with a budget of approximately $10,000 to support the course. The fund may go toward paying the costs of student travel, paying for supplies, inviting outside speakers, or other activities. However, major equipment purchases are not allowed, nor may the fund be used to hire a graduate assistant. The course must be structured to satisfy the Viewing the Wider World requirement of General Education.

For the first competition, in support of President Couture’s internationalization initiative proposals that have an international component or provide an international experience are especially encouraged.

Sundt Honors Scholars

Up to 15 Sundt Honors Scholars will be selected by the Sundt Honors Professor from student applications. The students must be honors eligible. A selection process will be established and put into effect in the Fall Semester preceding the course.