

URI Honors Program
Honors Contract Faculty Approval Form

Thank you for being part of the pilot phase of Honors Contracts at URI in the Fall of 2025. This agreement must be completed by the instructor in collaboration with the Honors student, as it requires a signed Faculty Approval Form. Contract proposals should be filed by the end of business on the last day of the third week of classes.

FIRST: Faculty should verify that the interested student is a junior or senior with a GPA of 3.4+. Should this not be the case, please contact the contract coordinator for a potential exception.

THEN: Be sure to read through the Honors Program's information pages: "Honors Contract Process" and the FAQs for students and faculty to understand the expectations for a contract proposal. *Links to these pages are not on the Honors Program website. They will have been provided to you directly via email, as we are in the piloting phase of contract implementation at URI. Please contact the contract coordinator if you need these re-sent to you.*

Note that contract work is meant to be separate from regular coursework and be a broader, deeper, or more complex approach to the course's subject matter. The project should require about twenty (20) hours of work on the student's part, which includes approximately three to five (3-5) hours of live interaction with the instructor over the course of the term.

The project must be completed by the end of the term in which the associated non-Honors course is active. A simple *Contract Completion Form* verifying the completed project will be sent to you in due time and should be submitted via email to the contract coordinator (email below). Instructors should submit the form as soon as they have tallied final grades, no later than on the end of business on the day grades are due.

Karl Aspelund, the Honors Program Contract Coordinator, is able to assist in preparing and drafting your proposal. Feel free to reach out with questions or concerns at aspelund@uri.edu.

A Note on AI Use:

If the associated course syllabus does not contain an applicable AI statement, please attach a brief statement describing the permitted uses of AI in completing the project, if any. A sample AI policy statement is available on the website of URI's Office for Advancement of Teaching and Learning.

Agreement

I certify that I have reviewed and approved the Honors Contract Proposal for _____. The academic focus reflected in this proposal is of high quality and meets my expectations for an Honors contract. I will meet with the student as specified and work to ensure that the final product fulfills this contract.

Faculty Signature & Date: _____

Faculty Name: _____ Faculty Email: _____