

Frequently Asked Questions: Faculty

Key Requirements:

The faculty part of our collaboration is critical to the SI Program's success; however, we understand the busy schedules of our faculty partners. With that, here are a few ways that you can enhance SI in your course:

First Week Announcements: Allow the SI leader to make an introductory announcement (7-10 minutes) during the first week of class.

Ongoing Promotion: Continue to allow the SI leader to make brief 5-minute announcements throughout the semester to encourage student attendance. If space allows, allow the SI leader to write their SI session time, location, etc. on the classroom whiteboard. Also, allow the SI Leader to distribute advertisements occasionally to students.

Instructor Announcements: As needed, grant time for occasional in-class announcements and be supportive of the program by encouraging all students to take advantage of SI. Faculty should avoid the suggestion that only those who do poorly will benefit and instead promote SI to all students.

Ongoing Contact with SI Leader: We recommend that faculty meet with their SI leader for at least 10-15 minutes a week, to discuss course content, upcoming exams, the progress of the SI sessions and participants, and any other additional questions or concerns that may come up.

Assessment: At the end of the term, faculty members are asked to send the final course grades for the entire course section(s). This information enables us to determine to what extent students who regularly attend the SI sessions are benefiting from the sessions. All SI Leaders are required to sign a confidentiality statement and understand and accept the responsibility to preserve the confidentiality of privileged information.