



DIA Fellowship Proposal

One form of Traditional Catholic formation involves the integration of four areas: academic, pastoral, spiritual and human formation. The vision of a Duc In Altum Schools Collaborative Fellowship is to form educators, campus ministers, and developing school administrators in those four areas.

Fellows, up to 10, would apply in October-November and be selected in December. We propose that the Fellowship timeline would start in Fall of 2026 and conclude in Fall 2027, and fellows and mentors would be recognized at the DIA Summit in October, 2027, then a new group would be launched.

Mentors would be selected in a similar, but slightly accelerated time frame. A collegiate faculty member would be selected by the college. The expectation is for the mentor to minimally conduct four, thirty-minute mentoring sessions that meets the needs of the advisor and the fellow. Collegiate advisors should be sage educators, thought-leaders and caring, Catholic, missionary disciples. DIA will provide a fellowship template for possible fellowship study, based on the proposed course of study submitted in the application process. The DIA Executive Director, the collegiate mentor and fellow will mutually agree on the content, expectations, and criteria for successful completion of the fellowship. The DIA Executive Director would orchestrate the infrastructure of the Fellowship, and report on progress and challenges to the collegiate mentor.

Funding/Stipends - We invite each DIA partner university/college the opportunity to additionally sponsor the Duc In Altum Schools Collaborative Fellowship for \$1000. The funds would provide each mentor a \$500 stipend for their time and expertise, and Fellows would receive a \$500 honorarium for their formation.

Benefits - The Duc In Altum Schools Collaborative Fellowship provides increased exposure of the college to DIA members, associated schools and those numerous individuals that follow us. Additionally, all DIA Fellows would have direct interaction with your college over an extended period, thus embedding an invested advocate for your institution in those DIA member school communities. Through our current

strategic partnership, DIA and your institution are acknowledging each other for solid, faithful formation. Your impressive reputation will also be recognized multiple times a year across our network.

DIA's board, director and staff are supportive of offering a Duc In Altum Schools Collaborative Fellowship in collaboration with our partners in higher education, and we appreciate you considering partnering with us on this endeavor.