

Tri-Co Philly Program Course Proposals
2026-2027
Swarthmore Faculty

The [Tri-Co Philly Program](#) seeks course proposals for the 2026-2027 academic year. This is an opportunity to teach a [course](#) that is embedded in Philadelphia and enables students to engage deeply with the city. Classes explore topics connected to the urban experience and are held in Center City, at the [Friends Center](#) (1501 Cherry St.), to facilitate regular interactions with the city.

The Tri-Co Philly Program offers three classes per semester and Swarthmore, Bryn Mawr, and Haverford students interested in learning about and experiencing the city, enroll in two of the three courses. We seek courses that do not require prerequisites to make courses broadly available to a wide range of students. Here is additional information about the [course criteria](#). Participating faculty receive a \$3,000 stipend, as well as up to \$2,500 in enrichment funds to support class activities in the city.

If interested, submit a 1-2 page proposal that includes a description of your course and an explanation of how the class will engage with Philadelphia, including interactions with local organizations, sites, speakers, activists, etc. Your course should meet off site a minimum of 2-3 times during the semester. Additionally, indicate if you have a preference for teaching in the fall or spring semester, and whether you have flexibility on that or not. Please confirm that you have the approval of your department/program for teaching your proposed course.

Proposals are due by **Wednesday, December 3, 2025** and can be submitted electronically (in Word format or pdf) to [Calista Cleary](#), Tri-Co Philly Program director. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or would like to discuss a possible proposal. I'm also happy to connect you with a colleague at your institution who has taught in the program.

Best,
Calista