OLLI STUDY GROUP PROPOSAL FORM

Study Groups offer an opportunity for members to explore a specific topic as part of an interactive, member-proposed and –facilitated conversation. Study Groups are typically made up of 18-20 members who meet for 4-8 sessions, but other models may be tailored to the subject matter and the preferences of the facilitators. Study Groups provide an opportunity for members who seek active participation and exploration in a wide variety of areas.

Facilitator training and information sessions will be organized by the Study Group Committee for the benefit of new and returning facilitators. It is strongly recommended that a member has participated in at least one prior OLLI Study Group before proposing to facilitate a group.

Types of study groups (please circle the type that best describes the study group you are proposing):

1) Facilitator leads all sessions.
   a. Most study materials are chosen by the facilitator.

   b. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.

2) A team of facilitators leads all sessions.
   a. Facilitator team chooses most study materials.

   b. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.

3) Facilitator asks for participants to lead some sessions.
   a. Original discussion materials are chosen by the facilitator.

   b. Subsequent volunteer leaders may choose their own materials for individual discussions.

   c. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.

4) Facilitator chooses to follow the Shared Inquiry or Modified Shared Inquiry approach to discussion. (Great Books uses this method and has materials available.)
   a. The facilitator chooses the study material and uses prepared questions. He/she may or may not participate in the discussions.

   b. Other members of the group may sometimes serve as facilitators and choose materials.
c. Group members supplement these materials with their own readings and knowledge.

Title of Proposed Study Group:

(If there are multiple facilitators, please provide the following information for each of them.)

Name of Facilitator:

Email address of facilitator:

Daytime phone number of facilitator:

Brief Description of Study Group (please indicate any prerequisites or special knowledge needed, such as computer skills):

Suggested number of sessions:

Suggested topics for each session:

Reading materials and source, if any:

Please briefly describe your knowledge, interest, and experience with this topic:

Please address any questions about the OLLI Study Groups to Janet Summers at jis@illinois.edu or 244-9141.