

Call for Proposals - OER

The Educational Technology Center and the University Libraries have developed an initiative to facilitate the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OERs) in online learning. Proposals for the redesign of online courses adopting Open Educational Resources are hereby requested for the Fall 2017 project cohort. Faculty with approved proposals will be provided with follow-up support from the Libraries and ITS to better understand, adopt, and remix OERs as part of their curriculum.

This program is supported by a SUNY Innovative Instruction Technology (IITG) grant, which provides seed funding to support one or more of the strategic goals of the University and the State University of New York. Proposals are sought from all academic departments.

Goals and Outcomes

Proposals for the redesign and adoption of Open Education Resources of individual fully-online courses, offered during the Spring, Summer, or Fall 2018 semesters. Participants will receive \$1500 contingent upon:

- Completion of a day-long workshop (November 3, 2017)
- Active participation in the follow-up support services made available, including consultations with an Instructional Developer and Librarian, and the online Blackboard community
- Development of a fully-revised online course adopting OER materials that result in a demonstrable savings to the course enrollees
- Documentation of learning outcomes and student retention data

Priorities

Proposals will be considered for program inclusion to the extent that they align with at least one of the following priorities for advancing the University at Albany's mission and values:

- Attracting and retaining enrollments, including international students
- Developing and extending access to online programs
- Promoting learner engagement

This funding will support efforts intended to promote better access to courses for our online students through the adoption of OERs. Proposals in this area will emphasize course re-designs that replace publisher materials. Upon completion of a fully redesigned online course including a finalized syllabus incorporating OERs in the course materials, faculty will receive a \$1500 stipend.

Online courses that focus on increasing enrollment of international students as well as coursework fulfilling general education requirements will be given preferential consideration.

Funded Project Requirements

Accepted proposal recipients must be available to attend the full-day workshop scheduled for November 3, 2017.

Redesigned courses must include OERs that replace required or recommended at-cost materials for a demonstrated cost savings to enrolled students.

Proposal Process

Deadline: September 30, 2017

Format:

Project Abstract: Brief summary of the instructor's proposal and its significance to the University.

Project Scope: In a document no longer than 3 pages, double spaced, please include:

- Title of the course to be redesigned
- Timeframe for development
- Projected semester the redesigned course will be offered
- Anticipated student enrollment
- International student enrollment, if known
- A list of currently utilized course materials and the associated cost to students
- Statement of how proposal aligns with the values, objectives and priorities stated above in this RFP

Syllabus: Provide a current syllabus of the course.

Endorsement: Please include a letter of support from the Dean or Department Chair, as appropriate.

Criteria for selection: Proposals will be reviewed by members of ITS and the University Libraries as to whether the proposal reflects the stated priorities; timeline is feasible; and demonstrated enrollment impact with significant cost savings for students.

Application: Submit all components of the application as a single, combined PDF document. Please email to OERprojects@albany.edu by the deadline.