Open Educational Resources (OER) Fellowship – Spring 2020

The Library seeks full-time and part-time faculty applicants for the Spring 2020 Open Educational Resources (OER) Fellowship, first offered in 2015, and expanded as a result of funding awarded to CUNY from New York State. The CUNY-wide initiative is meant to “engage faculty in the redesign of courses through the replacement of proprietary textbooks with open educational resources to reduce costs for students, accelerate their progress, and better connect curriculum and pedagogy to student learning outcomes.”

Fellowship Overview
Faculty will assemble a zero-cost OER* to replace the existing course material for a course they teach next term.

Faculty will participate in five intensive seminars over the spring, deliver the finished zero-cost OER in June, and implement it as the only required course material in fall 2020. Seminars will introduce faculty to open educational resources, copyright and intellectual property in educational settings, Creative Commons licenses, and existing OER and zero-cost course materials. During the program, faculty will create an OpenLab site for the course material, and learn how to organize materials for optimal accessibility.

*To qualify as zero-cost OER, faculty will select course materials that are:
1. Open educational resources that are Creative Commons (openly) licensed, including but not limited to open textbooks
2. Freely available web resources that do not violate copyright
3. Library licensed digital resources

Note: Faculty are also welcome to incorporate materials they have created, however, the primary objective of the program is to identify existing materials to assign. We recommend faculty conduct a preliminary search for materials suitable to the curriculum in advance of submitting an application.

Eligibility
- Course proposed is new to zero-cost OER (course does not have any sections already assigning zero-cost / OER materials)
- Have approval from Department chair and course coordinator to convert the proposed course to OER
- Be available on five Fridays in the spring 2020 term (dates below)
- Be willing to create a public course site on the OpenLab to house the course material

Schedule & Requirements
Spring 2020
- Fully participate in each Friday meeting (5 workshops at 2 hrs each, totaling 10 hrs):
  1. February 28, 10 a.m - 12 p.m.
  2. March 6, 10 a.m - 12 p.m.
  3. March 13, 10 a.m - 12 p.m.
  4. March 27, 10 a.m - 12 p.m.
  5. April 24, 10 a.m - 12 p.m.
- Prepare course material composed of zero-cost / OER materials
June 2020
- Share the course material on a public Creative Commons licensed OpenLab site
  - due no later than June 11, 2020

Fall 2020
- Assign zero-cost OER course materials exclusively in at least 1 course section
- Upload your course outline and / or syllabus to AcademicWorks, CUNY’s institutional repository

Payment
Faculty will be compensated at or above $1,300 for full participation in the OER Fellowship.

Apply
We recommend faculty conduct a preliminary search for materials suitable to the curriculum in advance of submitting an application. Please get in contact with any questions about coverage of materials for the course you are interested in converting.

Before submitting the application, you must:
- Consult with your Department Chair AND course coordinator for approval to:
  - a) develop an OER for the course you propose;
  - b) be scheduled to teach with the OER in Fall 2020

Submit your application online by Wednesday, November 20.

Questions?
Contact Cailean Cooney, Assistant Professor / OER Librarian at ccooney@citytech.cuny.edu

Faculty will be notified of the status of their application by Tuesday, December 3rd.