

## Open Educational Resources (O.E.R.) Fellowship – Spring 2021

The Library seeks applicants for the spring 2021 Open Educational Resources (O.E.R.) Fellowship. This program runs in conjunction with the CUNY-wide initiative funded by New York state 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.”

### Is the O.E.R. Fellowship for you?

Faculty currently supplementing required course materials with O.E.R., resources in the public domain, and library licensed digital resources and who would like to privilege selection of resources to provide long-term access to course materials, are encouraged to apply. Applicants are also welcome to incorporate materials they have created; however, **the primary objective of the program is to identify existing materials to assign.** Applicants are encouraged to conduct a preliminary [search for materials](#) suitable to the curriculum in advance of applying.

### Fellowship Overview

Faculty will assemble a **zero-cost O.E.R.**<sup>1</sup> to replace the existing course material for a course they teach next term.

The program consists of five intensive seminars during the fall; all programming will be conducted fully online. Faculty will deliver the finished zero-cost O.E.R. in June 2021 and implement it as the only required course material in fall 2021. Seminars will introduce faculty to open educational resources, copyright and intellectual property in educational settings, Creative Commons licenses, library digital resources, and existing O.E.R. and zero-cost course materials. During the program, faculty will create an OpenLab site as a public access point for the course material and learn how to organize materials for optimal accessibility.

### Eligibility

Priority is given to courses proposed that are new to zero-cost O.E.R. (i.e., course does not have any sections already assigning zero-cost / O.E.R. materials)

- Receive approval from your Department chair and course coordinator to convert the proposed course to O.E.R. and be assigned to teach with the O.E.R. the following term
- Participate in 5 Friday meetings during the spring 2021 term (dates to be announced)
- Be willing to create a public course site on the OpenLab to house the course material

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#### <sup>1</sup> 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. Public domain materials
3. Freely available web resources that do not violate copyright
4. Library-licensed digital resources

## Schedule & Requirements

### Spring 2021

- Fully participate in each Friday meeting (5 workshops at 2 hrs each, totaling 10hrs)
- Prepare course material composed of zero-cost / O.E.R. material

### June 2021

- Share the course material on a public Creative Commons licensed OpenLab site - **due no later than June 7, 2021**

### Fall 2021

- Assign zero-cost O.E.R. course materials exclusively in at least 1 course section
- Upload your course outline and / or syllabus to [Academic Works](#), CUNY's institutional repository

## Payment

Faculty will be compensated at or above \$1,300 for full participation in the O.E.R. Fellowship.

## Apply

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 O.E.R. for the course you propose;**
- b) be scheduled to teach with the O.E.R. in fall 2021**

**Submit your application online** (<https://forms.gle/pkXnd396ff96LrNt8>) by Tuesday, November 24th.

## Questions?

Contact Cailean Cooney, Assistant Professor / OER Librarian at [ccooney@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:ccooney@citytech.cuny.edu). Faculty will be notified of the status of their application by Thursday, December 11.