



Open Educational Resources (O.E.R.) Fellowship – June 2021 Intensive

The Library seeks applicants for the 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 who are currently supplementing required course materials with O.E.R., library-licensed digital resources, and other cost free materials, and who would like to privilege selection of resources so students have 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 advised 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.¹ to replace the existing course material in a course they teach next term.

The intensive will consist of three June seminars (6/7, 6/9, & 6/16) 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 or Spring 2022. The O.E.R. Fellowship curriculum 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

- 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.

¹ *To qualify as zero-cost OER, faculty will select from the following materials:

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



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

Schedule & Requirements

June 2021

- Fully participate in June professional development.
 - Attend 3 workshops at 2.5 hr each = 7.5 hr total:
 - Monday, June 7 (10am-12:30pm)
 - Wednesday, June 9 (10am-12:30pm)
 - Wednesday, June 16 (10am-12:30pm)
 - Complete homework in advance of each session.
- Assemble course material composed of zero-cost / O.E.R.
- Share course material on a public Creative Commons licensed OpenLab site - **due no later than Thurs. June 24th.**

Fall 2021

- Assign zero-cost O.E.R. exclusively in at least 1 course section in Fall 2021 (latest Spring 2022) and be willing to share with colleagues.
- Share 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 OER 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:
 - develop an O.E.R. for the course you propose;
 - be scheduled to teach with the O.E.R. in Fall 2021 or the following Spring term.

Submit your application online (<https://forms.gle/zRp8vM58hzR2KJQH7>) by **Friday, April 30th.**

Questions?

Contact Cailean Cooney, Assistant Professor / O.E.R. Librarian at ccooney@citytech.cuny.edu.