



## Call for OER project proposals, AY 22-23

Dear City Tech Faculty,

Exciting news! New York State and CUNY have reinvested funds to support [open educational resources \(OER\)](#) at the University. Our short-term initiative, which many City Tech faculty have participated in from 2017-2022, has been re-upped with tax levy funds for this fiscal year 2022-2023. In short, we will continue to be able to fund and support faculty creation and use of OER. Research conducted at City Tech and other institutions shows a correlation between assigning zero-cost OER and positive student outcomes: higher retention and comparable or better grades.

We invite proposals from new and returning faculty (find more guidance on faculty eligibility below)!

### Goals for the OER initiative at City Tech:

- Provide students with long-term access to course learning materials (before, during, and after the course runs).
- Support active learning and effective online instruction.
- Help achieve curricular consistency across multiple course sections.
- Help achieve coherence between sequential courses in programs.
- Provide instructors with ready to use teaching resources that can assist with flexible teaching/learning modalities.

### Considerations for participating in OER funded work this academic year:

- **Course selection:**
  - We encourage converting courses that are gateway, high enrollment, part of a course sequence, required courses for a major or minor, pathways, etc., interdisciplinary in nature, course curriculum that is underrepresented, or inadequately represented by existing textbooks on the market.

### To qualify as [zero-cost OER](#), faculty can 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, including articles and ebooks



- **Priorities for funding OER projects:**
  - **Priority 1:** Develop zero-cost OER for a course that previously required a paid textbook (this may include first time experimental pilots to assign OER in place of paid course materials).
  - **Priority 2:** Develop zero-cost OER for supplemental/ancillary teaching and learning materials (e.g., study guides, review modules, lessons, discussion questions, class activities, lecture outlines, writing assignments).
  - **Priority 3:** Make substantive updates to already assigned zero-cost OER (must be openly licensed materials authored by the applicant or another scholar).
  - **Priority 4:** Develop zero-cost OER for a course with a recommended text but that does not require paid materials.
  
- **Faculty eligibility:**
  1. Full-time faculty that coordinate or regularly teach at least one section of a course, and have consulted with course / discipline coordinator and department chair.
  2. Part-time faculty on 1-3 year re-appointments, with the approval of course / discipline coordinator and department chair.

Note: there is potential for multiple faculty to collaborate on creating a zero-cost O.E.R.
  
- **Faculty commitments / compensation:**
  - Faculty compensation will include project work and faculty development training: faculty stipends typically range from \$1,300 - \$5,000 (and a minimum of \$500) depending on scope of work, and calculated on the average [non-teaching adjunct hourly rate](#).
  - Faculty professional development will be conducted online / via Zoom.
  - Project work must be completed during the 2022-2023 academic year. For reference, the latest deadline for large-scope projects is June 15, 2023.

## Apply

Please [fill out a project proposal application](#) by **Thursday, September 15th, 2022**.

If you have any questions or things you'd like to discuss, please get in touch with OER Librarian, Cailean Cooney ([ccooney@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:ccooney@citytech.cuny.edu)) or Interim Chief Librarian, Anne Leonard ([aleonard@citytech.cuny.edu](mailto:aleonard@citytech.cuny.edu)).

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