Digital Scholarship Services Open Textbook Publishing Awards

Pilot Program Description & Requirements

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# What are Open Textbooks?

Open textbooks are a type of Open Educational Resource (OER), which are freely accessible, [openly licensed](https://creativecommons.org/use-remix/cc-licenses/) text, media, and other digital assets that are used for teaching and learning. By adopting OER, not only do you save your students money and ensure them first-day access to your course materials, you are also able to legally copy, edit, remix, and reuse the materials to suit your individual teaching needs. To learn more about and find OERs, please see the [OER Library Research Guide](https://researchguides.uoregon.edu/openedatuoregon).

The library is committed to supporting the adoption and use of open textbooks, especially for high-impact courses, such as those with high enrollment, expensive textbooks, or high drop, fail, and withdrawal (DFW) rates. To support faculty in their efforts to integrate open texts, we are offering one-time publishing awards for UO faculty to redevelop their courses using open texts, which will include support from an Instructional Designer and Open Educational Resource Librarian.

# Who is eligible to apply for an award?

**To be considered for this award, proposals must meet the following criteria:**

* Submitted by a University of Oregon faculty member with teaching responsibilities.
* Proposal includes the intent to adopt and use an open textbook in a UO credit-bearing course. ***Note:*** *Preference given to courses that are taught 2 or more times per year.*
* Faculty member has a letter of support from departmental authority, indicating that the proposed project may be implemented in a UO course.
* Faculty member agrees to the expectations listed below.

**This award may not be used for:**

* The adaptation of a resource for commercial publication.
* The adaptation or creation of educational resources without the accompaniment of a [Creative Commons license](https://creativecommons.org/use-remix/cc-licenses/).
* One time use of an open textbook.

# How much funding is available?

The award levels outlined below provide guidance for award applicants on the amount of funding that may be approved for different types of proposals. The levels allocate funding depending on the time and work required for the proposed project.

***Note:*** *Awards will be dispersed to faculty upon project completion.*

## Award Types Table

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| **Award Type** | **Award Amount** | **Description** |
| **Small Project (Maximum of 3 funded projects)** | $2,000 | * Faculty member expects to edit ~25% of an existing OER and/or author 25% of content * Moderate level of graphic design, such as a cover design and 1-5 new graphics created * Assistance locating existing graphics and media to add to OER |
| **Medium Project (Maximum of 2 funded projects)** | $4,000 | * Faculty member expects to edit ~50% of the existing OER and/or author 50% of content * Significant level of graphic design, such as cover design, 5-10 original graphics, and typography * Minor assistance with ancillary resource design, such as a PowerPoint template |
| **Large Project (Maximum of 1 funded project)** | $6,000 | * Faculty member expects to edit ~75-100% of the existing OER or would like to author new OER * Major level of graphic design support, such as cover design, 10-20 original graphics, full overhaul of layout/look & feel * Ancillary design support, such as PowerPoint slides, quiz banks, assignments, rubrics, etc. |

# What support will I receive?

As faculty go through the process of revising or authoring the open textbook, they will have an “OER care team” assigned to support them, which includes the OER Librarian, a Subject Specialist Librarian, an Instructional Designer, and other members of the Digital Scholarship staff, as needed. These different team roles are defined below.

## Roles & Responsibilities Table

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| **Role** | **Responsible for** |
| **Faculty member** | * OER revision or authoring * Ongoing collaboration with UO Libraries * Reporting selected OER to Duck Store * Using OER in UO course |
| **OER Librarian** | * Assistance in locating relevant OER materials * Project management * Copyright and licensing consultation * Revision and authoring support |
| **Subject Specialist Librarian** | * Assistance in locating relevant OER materials * Information literacy and course integrated instruction |
| **Instructional Designer** | * Course design/redesign consultation * Canvas integration support, as needed * Accessibility consultation and support |
| **Digital Scholarship Services (DSS) Staff** | * Editing and layout support * Graphic design support * Multimedia and digital technology consultation and support * Accessibility consultation and support * Open textbook implementation in [Pressbooks](https://pressbooks.com/) platform |

# What’s expected of me?

## Before I apply:

* Search for existing materials in your discipline. Some good places to begin your search are the [Open Textbook Library](https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/) or [OER Commons](https://www.oercommons.org/), but you can also get in touch with us at [oer@uoregon.edu](mailto:oer@uoregon.edu) for assistance in locating possibilities. Review these materials to see what you may need to revise, or if you’ll need to author something new.
* Talk to your departmental authority to ensure you can implement your revised or newly authored open textbook in your course.

## While I’m working on the open textbook:

* Faculty agreement to project Service Level Agreement (SLA) after initial project kick-off meeting with Digital Scholarship Services staff.
* Meet regularly with OER Librarian to keep project on track, and identify specific support needed from UO Libraries.
* Submit materials to OER Librarian according to agreed upon project timeline. OER Librarian and DSS team will implement the open textbook in the Pressbooks platform for faculty member.

## After I complete the open textbook:

* Ask at least two faculty peers in the state of Oregon to review your text. Open Oregon offers Oregon faculty stipends for peer reviewing open texts.
* Adopt the open text officially through the [UO Duck Store](https://www.uoduckstore.com/), so that students can find the open text. This will also mark the course as “no cost” on the UO Schedule of Classes. See the [OER Library Research Guide](https://researchguides.uoregon.edu/openedatuoregon) for a step-by-step guide.
* Use the open text in a UO course!

# How do I apply for an open textbook award?

To apply for an open textbook publishing award, please visit [oer.uoregon.edu](http://oer.uoregon.edu/) and fill out the online application form. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at [oer@uoregon.edu](mailto:oer@uoregon.edu).