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## Call for Proposals: OER Pathway Project for General Education

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## Call for Proposals OER Pathway Project for General Education

Do you worry about the impact of textbook costs on your students? Reduce the financial strain of your course by adapting it for a Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Pathway by using textbooks and other resources that are openly licensed for the classroom at no extra cost to the students.

Thanks to a grant from the Washington Student Achievement Commission (WSAC), the CWU Open Education Resources (OER) Task Force is working to create a ZTC pathway through the General Education Program from first year through graduation.

We know that it takes time and effort to convert textbooks and other resources. The CWU OER Task Force, with the generous support of the WSAC, is offering several \$1,000 stipends to faculty who are willing to adapt their approved Gen Ed course by replacing an expensive textbook and/or other materials with open (zero cost) resources instead. The funding is to partially compensate for the time spent in converting (and/or creating) the course materials, and to complete a survey on the process. There is no stipulation as to how stipend funds are spent. Only faculty teaching courses in the General Education pathway for the academic year 2019-2020 are eligible.

### Timeline:

Due to the short duration of the overall grant, stipends must be dispersed by September 15, 2019. We understand that course won't have been taught before the grant is complete and payment has been made. We ask that grant recipients honor their commitment to use free resources as promised and continue to use OER resources and to require the students to complete a survey, for 3 quarters of teaching, so the resources can be fairly evaluated.

3/21/19: Proposals due

4/1/19: Emails of acceptance go out

4/1/19 – 4/30/19: First meeting with grant recipients to determine how much librarian help is needed to locate resources

5/1/19 – 6/15/19: Second meeting with grant recipients to review resources. Third meeting if necessary.

6/15/19 – 9/1/19: Resources and Qualtrics survey for students in Canvas course

6/15/19 – 9/1/19: Faculty Survey on the ease or difficulty of finding materials complete

9/15/19: All stipend payments complete

9/15/19 – 12/30/21: OER materials used in three sections of the awarded course

12/30/19 - 12/30/21: Review and replacement of materials as necessary

6/15/20: Optional second faculty survey on using the resources

If you are interested in applying for this grant please fill out and submit the web form by March 21, 2019: [OER Pathway in General Education - Stipend Proposal](#)

Proposals will be reviewed over the following week, March 25, 2019. The criteria are as follows:

- Only faculty teaching a General Education course will be selected for approval.
- The proposed course must be a General Education course to be taught in the Fall of 2019, Winter 2020 or Spring 2020.
- The faculty member must agree to use free resources for the next 3 quarters he/she teaches the course.
- Any textbook currently in use must be replaced with no-cost resources.
- Faculty are **not** required to have the free resources chosen. The librarians will help locate resources. General Education courses are widely chosen for OER adoption across the U.S. and there are many resources available.
- For new courses, no-cost resources must be the only resources required for the course
- Priority will be given to proposals with the highest potential savings to CWU students. For new courses, savings will be calculated based on commonly used textbooks for the subject.
- Faculty may apply for grants for multiple courses, but each faculty member will only receive one grant.
- The available grants will be spread as equitably as possible across disciplines, while giving students as many pathways as possible through the Gen Ed curriculum.

Required to receive payment:

- Assign OER co-Chairs Maura Valentino or Geri Hopkins to Observer roles in the Canvas course
- Use only no-cost, OER or library-licensed resources within the course
- Course must include OER Pathway Project Qualtrics survey as a required student assignment in week 10.
- Faculty must complete a short survey regarding the ease/difficulty of finding free resources

The above 4 items must be complete by September 15, regardless of the quarter during which you are teaching the course.