

SUNY OER Course Development 2018-19

Eligibility for OER Development Stipend

Full and part-time faculty who have the approval of their department chairs are eligible to apply for a stipend through the SUNY OER Initiative for developing courses that use open educational resources in place of traditional materials. Due to limited funding, priority will be given to courses providing the greatest impact to student success.

Obligations for Instructors:

- Identify the open educational resources that you will use as your starting point in the project. Librarians can help.
- Attend a minimum of one training workshop, or one-on-one with a librarian, which focuses on discovery, acquisition, adaptation, and licensing of free and open educational materials, or complete a minimum of three [SUNY OER Services Community Courses](#).
- Follow college and SUNY guidelines and definitions of OER in developing the course:
“Open Educational Resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits repurposing by others. The majority of materials in the section are OER. A SUNY OER course/section provides students a cost effective alternative to traditional textbooks.”
- Adhere to the timeline (based on spring or summer development) for delivery of your class, compensation, and assessment reporting.
- If a print text is required, faculty must have course textbook completed by June 30, 2019.
- Begin offering the OER course by fall 2019 for three years and continue assessment reporting as required by SUNY OER Initiative requirements.

Resources and Compensation for Instructors:

Resources:

The following personnel and resources are available for support during the discovery, acquisition, adaptation and licensing tasks necessary for OER course development:

- SUNY OER Initiative project lead- Terry Keys, AVP Instructional Services
- MCC OER Initiative contact- Michelle Beechey, OER Librarian
- MCC Librarians- Katie Ghidui, Library Director; Andrea Kingston, Digital Scholarship Librarian; Anjali Parasnis-Samar, Instructional Technologies Librarian
- Instructional Designer- Tom Capuano
- Various websites associated with the initiative; [SUNY OER Services](#), [OASIS search tool](#), MCC Libraries Libguide
- [SUNY OER Services Community Courses](#).

Compensation:

Compensation provided for the development of OER courses is \$700/credit hour. This can be paid during the summer of 2019 or converted to the equivalent amount of release time for spring 2019 development.

Rationale:

- The creation/adoption of OER content requires a considerable amount of effort, often requiring the development of ancillary course content (test banks, PPTs, etc.) that would be included in publisher textbook content. Faculty is required to understand copyright and open licensing.
- This project requires an agreement to utilize the OER content for three years. This may require ongoing course development/redesign. This commitment is greater than the ATD OER Degree project which only requires faculty to offer the course for one semester. The three year requirement is to support SUNY in assessing the long-term impact of OER adoption.
- Using OER allows faculty to customize their course content to best meet the needs of MCC students. Although it is easier for faculty to adopt commercial textbooks, the creation/adoption of OER content ultimately benefits the students through reduced textbook costs and the three year commitment will impact a significant number of students.