

Open Library Open Educational Resources Rangers Expression of Interest

Open Library

Developed in 2017, the [Open Library](#) (OL) is an eCampusOntario premier service that supports our member institutions in the creation, discovery, and adoption of open education resources (OER) in Ontario. Services include:

1. OER Repository
 - Access to the largest digital library of OER in Canada, which saved \$18 Million for the almost 200K learners who used it,
 - Contribute new OER to the digital library for discovery and use.
2. Supporting open education through
 - Training events on creating, adopting, and modifying OER.
 - Providing advocacy materials, such as infographics and templates,
 - Access to and training/support for our open publishing infrastructure, including the [eCampusOntario H5P Studio](#) and [Pressbooks](#), and
 - Showcasing OER created by Ontario postsecondary educators.

Opportunity

The Open Library is accepting Expressions of Interest for up to **54 OER Rangers** (1 person for each Ontario publicly-assisted college, university, or Indigenous Institute), who will champion the use of OER in their institutions. Rangers will receive training on open education aimed at strengthening their skills in creating and editing OER. Following the training, Rangers will deliver 2 webinars/workshops on OER creation and adoption for their colleagues as well as help their institution in developing support systems for OER.

This project will run from September 19, 2023 to March 15, 2024, with an estimated commitment of 43 hours. Upon completion of the program, each Ranger will be paid a total stipend of \$5,000: the first half after completing the training modules and delivering session #1, and the second half after session #2 and participating on the final panel discussion.

The selected OER Rangers will deliver on the following:

- participate in the kick-off meeting and the live session introducing “OER Design Studio in a box”
- complete the Train the Trainer training modules
- Rangers will deliver 2 sessions to champion the use of OER in their institutions:
 - 1 session about OER during the Fall semester, based on the Train the Trainer training modules; and
 - 1 session during the Winter semester, which will consist of one of the following:
 - Facilitate a training session with the Train the Trainer training materials to a cohort of at least 5 educators from their institution.
 - Start a development sprint to create or adapt an OER in their institution and deliver a webinar about the experience.
 - Develop a plan to implement an OER Design Studio in their institution and present as a webinar for their peers.
- OER Rangers will participate in a final Panel Discussion in March 2024, where they will share a reflection of their experience during the program. Rangers who can't participate in the panel will write a reflection piece.

This program is targeted at faculty, librarians, or teaching & learning staff from Ontario publicly-assisted college, university, or Indigenous institution who are passionate about the benefits of OER and want to be part of the movement.

Contribution Timeline and Description

Open Library OER Rangers will participate in the following fully remote activities during the designated project period timeframe:

2023

- **Late-August:** Confirmation of acceptance and information package received
- **September 19 (2 hours):** Rangers kick off meeting
- **October 2 – November 24 (7 hours):** Period to complete the Train the Trainer learning modules
- **October 3:** Q&A session – training materials (not mandatory)
- **October 24 (2 hours):** Live session to introduce the “OER Design Studio in a box” and to provide support on training materials, upcoming session #1 delivery
- **Before December 15 (5 hours):** Rangers to plan and deliver session #1 on OER at their institution

2024

- **January 8 – February 23 (25 hours):** Rangers to plan and deliver session # 2
- **January 16:** Q&A - discuss the implementation of session #2 (not mandatory)

- **Week of March 11 (2 hours):** Panel Event(s) where Rangers will share their experience in the program. Deadline for those writing a reflection piece.

How to Get Involved

eCampusOntario encourages interested participants to apply by completing the application form found [here](#) before 11:59pm on July 28, 2023. Successful OER Rangers will be notified by late August.

Eligibility

- Employed as a faculty member (including sessional or contract) or staff member at an Ontario publicly-assisted college, university, or Indigenous institution.
- Have the capacity and ability to fulfill the requirements of this project in the proposed timeline.

Technical Requirements

As an OER Ranger you have reliable access to:

- a computer with a microphone and webcam,
- high-speed internet connection,
- professional/personal Google account,
- professional/personal Microsoft Teams account.

Adhere to the [eCampusOntario Code of Conduct](#) during the program.

Participation

As an OER Ranger you will:

- Agree to the expectations set forth in the contribution timeline and description.
- Meet the eligibility criteria.
- Meet the technical requirements for participation.

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