Specialized Open Educational Resources
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 educational 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.
    *   Showcasing OER created by Ontario postsecondary educators.

The Opportunity

eCampusOntario's Open Library is accepting Expressions of Interest (EOI) from individuals or project teams to develop OER or ancillary resources in the areas of business, trades, engineering, or science in English or French.

OER Evaluation Criteria

All EOI submissions for OER or ancillary resources must:
*   Be submitted online prior to Friday, September 28, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.
*   Be in the subject areas of: business, trades, engineering, or science.
*   Include a project plan outlining the budget and anticipated impact of the OER or ancillary resource.
*   Be licensed with a Creative Commons License, other licenses may be considered upon discussion.

Final Submission Requirements

OER or ancillary resources submitted must meet the requirements listed below.
*   It is the responsibility of all applicants to be fully aware of the legal permissions associated with the selected license before submitting an application.
*   All resources must be in compliance with all applicable legislation, including the Copyright Act (Canada).

- Resources will be catalogued in eCampusOntario's Open Library, applicants must ensure that all content (text, images, etc.) is released under an open license or used with copyright permissions.
- Final product should be released with the appropriate license which may allow others to freely retain, revise, reuse, remix and/or redistribute the content.
- In accessible formats in accordance with the requirements of the [Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 (Ontario)](#).
- Acknowledge the funding support of the Government of Ontario and eCampusOntario in the final product and communications regarding the project.
- Be in English or French.

Eligibility to Participate

Individuals or project team may apply.

Individuals
- Must be employed as a faculty member (including sessional or contract) or staff member at an Ontario publicly-assisted college, university, or Indigenous institute.
- Individuals are limited to submitting and/or being part of one project application.

Project Teams
- Project teams must identify a project team lead
- Project team leads must be employed as a faculty member (including sessional or contract) or staff member at an Ontario publicly-assisted college, university, or Indigenous institute.
- Project teams may include subject matter experts unaffiliated with post-secondary institutions, these individuals may not be the project team lead.
- Project team members are limited to submitting and/or being listed on one submission.

Budget

Project funding is available up to $25,000:
- Budget proposal must outline all requirements and reflect the complexity of the OER or ancillary resource.
- Eligible expenses include: subject matter expertise, instructional design, media developer, cost associated with accessibility, software, licensing, other expense may also be considered.
- If applicable eCampusOntario will allocate funds to project team members as outlined in the budget.
- Projects may not receive funding from additional sources.
- Funding will be distributed upon submission of the completed OER or ancillary resource to the Open Library.

Timeline
- August 21, 2023-September 29, 2023: program application period
- October 9, 2023: eCampusOntario to respond to successful applicants

- October 13, 2023 to February 16, 2024: project period, applicants will participate in and/or provide the following:
  - October 2023: one progress check-in (virtual meeting)
  - October-November 2023: Design Studio in the Box training (optional participation)
  - Late November/early December 2023: one progress check-in (e-mail or virtual meeting at request)
  - January 2023: one progress check-in (e-mail or virtual meeting at request)
  - February 16, 2024: submission of final specialized OER
- March 2024: specialized OER to be added to the Open Library by library staff

Application Process

eCampusOntario encourages interested eligible individuals and/or project teams to complete and submit application form for the committee's consideration.
1. Complete and submit the online application.
2. Application must be completed by Friday, September 29, 2023 at 11:59 p.m.
3. Applications will be evaluated by a panel based upon the OER Evaluation Criteria.
4. Applicants will be contacted Monday, October 9, 2023 regarding their application.

If you have any questions, please e-mail: open@ecampusontario.ca.