



Call for Open Content – Funded French-Language Open Educational Resources

Opportunity

eCampusOntario is seeking French-language or bilingual French/English unpublished, subject-specific Open Education Resources (OER) to contribute to the Open Library. Submissions will be remunerated from 2,000 CAD to a maximum of 5,000 CAD per accepted submission. Subject areas include French-language Sciences, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM), Health sciences, trades, and educator- and learner-focused supports, or French as Second Language (FSL) instruction. There is a maximum of three project remunerations per individual or project team.

To qualify, all submissions must be previously unpublished. Content may be in the form of textbooks, ancillary materials, multimedia, assessment materials, or courses. Other formats must be discussed with the evaluation team prior to application for approval.

Submissions must be openly licensed or be content an institution or organization is willing to openly license and make shareable in the Open Library. All applications will be reviewed by a group of evaluators.

All submissions to be included in the remunerated Call for Content must first be approved by the evaluation team prior to submission to the Open Library.

Submissions not meeting the identified gaps and criteria will not be remunerated, however they can still be submitted to the Open Library provided that the submission meets the Open Library's submission criteria.

Background

eCampusOntario is a not-for-profit organization that accelerates the transformation of postsecondary digital learning in Ontario to increase participation in higher education. The organization leads a consortium of the province's publicly assisted colleges, universities, and Indigenous institutes to advance the development and adoption of online and digital learning technologies, programs, and environments.

eCampusOntario is conducting this call for content to respond to subject-specific gaps in the Open Education field following a two-month research intensive scan of existing OER offered in French. This call for content will contribute high-quality online learning resources for French and French as a Second Language educators while promoting collaboration and engagement across the Francophone community in the post-secondary sector.

Content Criteria

Criteria A : Resources must address all the criteria listed below to qualify for funding:

1. Be previously unpublished,
 - a. Cannot be currently or have been previously available publicly in other repositories or libraries.
2. Be openly licensed,
3. Be in French (or bilingual French/English),
4. Be submitted to the eCampusOntario Open Library after being accepted in this call for content.
5. Address one or more of the listed subject areas:
 - a. FSL post-secondary level instruction
 - b. STEM post-secondary level instruction
 - c. Health sciences post-secondary level instruction
 - d. Trades post-secondary level instruction
 - e. Support resources for French-language and French as second language educators and learners

Criteria B : Please provide a statement of no more than 2 pages, divided by subheading, outlining the following:

1. Abstract
 - a. Provide a quick abstract or summary of the OER.
2. Background
 - a. Provide an overview of your experience and qualifications, your expertise in your field, and any other detail pertaining to the professional qualifications of you and your team (if applicable).
3. Creation
 - a. Provide some background into the goals and intended audience of the OER, as well as the process to develop the OER. Explain your motivations for wanting to publish your resource as an OER at eCampusOntario.
4. Collaboration and review
 - a. Provide a summary of how many individuals were involved in the creation of OER, including any student involvement or feedback, any collaborations over the course of the creation and review. Describe, briefly, if any changes were made following a review process, and if there are any future updates are planned. Confirm that you have the authority and permission to submit on behalf of all individual contributors.
5. Publishing

- a. Provide some explanation on the use and sharing of the OER, the number of times (approximately) and methods the OER was shared. Please give further context if the OER was shared internally.

Criteria C: Resources must include a peer review, with information and credentials of the peer reviewer, addressing the resource's quality and one or more of the following features:

- Accessibility, with specified accessibility standard.
- Inclusion of ancillary materials, such as test banks, instructor guides, instructor slides, study guides.
- Incorporation of alternative, low-tech formats.
- Whether the resource has been updated within the last three years.
- If the resource contains sensitive material warnings, if applicable.
- Other criteria that the peer reviewer deems relevant.

Eligible resources must fulfill all criteria in Criteria A. Resources will be evaluated based on Criteria B and C.

Project Team Eligibility

Project teams must disclose all members of the project team and their role in the creation of the resource. Project teams must disclose member's affiliations with institutions or professional organizations. Project teams must include CVs of all members, sent as a single PDF.

Affiliation to post-secondary member institutions (PSI) of eCampusOntario is not required – project teams or individuals affiliated with non-profits organizations, businesses or professional organizations are welcome to apply.

Application

Application must include all content criteria (see above) in a single PDF.

Project team roles and CV must be included in a separate PDF.

Project team and Content Criteria PDFs must be emailed to fsl@ecampusontario.ca by November 10, 2023 at 11:59PM EST with title CALL FOR CONTENT_[OER title].

Incomplete applications will not be considered.



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Timeline

November 10, 2023: Deadline for applications at fsl@ecampusontario.ca.

November 24, 2023: Successful applicants will be contacted.

December 1, 2023: OER must be submitted to the Open Library. Submission confirmation email must be forwarded to fsl@ecampusontario.ca by **December 6, 2023**.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more, please contact fsl@ecampusontario.ca.