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• OERI – November Newsletter •

Greetings OER Advocates!

Please note that we extended the deadline for submitting a letter of intent for our upcoming request for proposals (RFP). The submission of a letter is required if you or any of your faculty intend to respond to the RFP. The new deadline is Friday, November 1, at 5:00 pm. Please find details below.

• OERI Letter of Intent •

Yes, we are preparing to fund another round of OER projects. Unlike last time, **submission of a letter of intent is required in order to be eligible to respond to the request for proposals**. And collaboration across districts is required. As was the case last time, the letters will assist us in developing the request for proposals and we will make attempts to assist faculty in finding collaborators. The letter of intent will not be evaluated – please provide all requested information to the extent that you are able, providing estimates as needed. The letter is intended to be a first draft to inform us of the focus and scope of your anticipated proposal.

In order to contribute to the available OER, the OERI will fund a second round of OER development by CCC faculty that would support work to be completed no later December 15, 2020. Funded proposals will address identified gaps in currently available OER. All products completed with these funds must be licensed as CC-BY or CC-BY-NC. The focus of funded activities must be on increasing the likelihood of faculty adoption of OER by either making an OER text-equivalent available, improving upon an existing OER text-equivalent, or developing ancillary resources that facilitate OER adoption. **Submission of a Letter of Intent by 5:00pm on November 1, 2019, is required if you intend to submit a response to the Request for Proposals**. The Request for Proposals

will be made available no later than November 8 and submissions will be due at 5:00pm on Monday, December 16, 2019.

Interested faculty need to send a letter indicating their intent to submit by November 1 at **https://tinyurl.com/LOI-ASCCC2019**.

Collaboration across districts is a required component of all proposals. Collaboration is a required element as your product must be designed to serve the state, not merely your course, program, or college.

 The letter can be brief but should discuss the following.

1. **An outline of the activity and the outcome.**
    Examples of activities:
    a. Curating a textbook.
    b. Creating ancillaries for an existing textbook or generic

    ancillaries that would be useful to the discipline more generally

    (e.g., videos, images, test banks).
    c. Expanding or updating portions of an existing textbook.

2. **Resources needed.**
    Examples of resources the OERI can provide:
    a. Peer review, if not part of the project.
    b. Assistance in finding faculty members for your activity. OERI

    can aid in identifying collaborators, as needed.
    c. Other technical assistance, such as basic assistance with attributions and accessibility.
    d. Note - if copyediting will be needed, please incorporate this activity into your timeline and budget. Budgeting guidelines will be provided when the Request for Proposals is released.

3. **Anticipated collaboration.**

    The nature of the proposed collaboration should be identified. If

    assistance identifying collaborators is needed, please make this explicit.

4. **Budget.**

    Delineate the compensation that is needed for faculty time and any

    resources that may be required. If specific expertise is anticipated,

    please include this in your budget and timeline. Please provide

    estimates of the time required and specific rates of pay for all personnel

involved. Further guidelines will be provided in the Request for Proposals.

5. **A timeline.**
   Clear deliverables must be identified with specified due dates for at least two interim phases of the work and completion.

6. **Potential statewide impact.**
   How many faculty will likely adopt this resource? While we don't expect you to have direct measures of this, please discuss any information you have about the gap you are filling. For example, if you are writing ancillaries for a textbook, you could discuss the number of faculty you know are using the book. Also discuss how broadly available the course you are developing resources for is. Is it only offered on your campus or a common course? Is it a capstone course or a general education course?

7. **Your experience with OER**.
   - Have you already looked for resources in this area?
   - Have you used OER for this or other courses?
   - Have you attended any trainings or webinars on OER?
   - Have you authored or curated any OER?
   - Have you peer-reviewed any OER?

• OER Opportunities •

The OERI is currently seeking faculty to serve in a variety of roles. This application process will create a pool of faculty from which we will select reviewers for newly developed resources, so we have a true need for a faculty from a broad array of disciplines - including those who may or may not have experience with OER.

The ASCCC OERI Application will be available for the foreseeable future. Interested faculty will need to complete **BOTH** the OERI application and the ASCCC Faculty Application for Statewide Service.

• OER Weekly Webinars •
[Thursdays, 1 pm-2 pm](#)

OERI Weekly Webinars are intended for a diverse audience. We hope you will all join us!

November 7, 2019 – No Webinar Scheduled – ASCCC Fall Plenary

November 14, 2019 – 1 pm to 2 pm | [Register Now](#)
OER for Sociology
Discipline-focused webinars will focus on the available OER resources for a specific discipline, with faculty sharing their OER-adoption experience.

November 21, 2019 – 1 pm to 2 pm | [Register Now](#)
Open Forum
Each month we will reserve one webinar to be an "open forum". We'll be prepared to discuss the latest hot topics from our vantage point and ready and willing to hear - and discuss - what's on your mind.

November 28, 2019 – No Webinar Scheduled – Happy Thanksgiving

December 5, 2019 – 1 pm to 2 pm | [Register Now](#)
The OERI 2020 RFP
Join us for a discussion of the request for proposals that is due at 5:00pm on December 16. We'll share the guidance we have been providing to those seeking clarification about aspects of the proposal and the process.

December 12, 2019 – 1 pm to 2 pm | [Register Now](#)
OERI Funded Projects Showcase
What new OER resources will be made available early in 2020 as a result of the OERI's 1st round of funded proposals? This showcase will provide attendees with a preview of the resources soon to be made available.