



Greetings! This message is being sent by the ASCCC Open Educational Resources (OER) Initiative on behalf of a faculty member who is seeking colleagues to collaborate on an OER for teaching Arabic. The need is described as follows:

I am seeking collaborators to work on the development of an "Introduction to Arabic" OER. This OER book will be for community colleges students, and it will consist of 10 chapters. The chapters will introduce the 28 letters of the Arabic alphabet and teach students to read and write Arabic. In addition, the students will learn basic conversation and grammar rules.

If you are interested in this opportunity or have any questions about it, please contact [Hanaa Alkassas](#). Please forward this message on to anyone who might be interested.

The [ASCCC Open Educational Resources Initiative](#) (OERI) provides statewide professional development and funding opportunities to support the expansion of the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER) in the California Community Colleges. "OER" refers to teaching and learning materials that are freely available online for everyone to use and includes course modules, lectures, homework assignments, lab and classroom activities, pedagogical materials, games, simulations, and many more resources contained in digital media collections from around the world (as defined by [OER Commons](#)). OER most often refers to openly-licensed textbooks and ancillary materials that are available at little or no cost to students. The OERI facilitates and coordinates the curation and development of OER texts, ancillaries, and support systems. In addition, the OERI supports local OER implementation efforts by offering professional development, technical support, and technical resources.