Greetings OER Liaisons! As you probably have seen, RFP IV has been published and we have seen quite a few of you at the associated events. We wanted to take a moment to thank you for all your work this term and to share with you the events we have already scheduled for 2022.

**OER Liaison Activity Tracking – Reminder**

One final reminder – be sure to use the [Fall 2021 OER Liaison Tracking Spreadsheet](tinyurl.com/OERL-2021F) to record your liaison activities throughout the term. Please note that the deadline for completing the Fall 2021 activities is Wednesday, December 15. Your entries in the tracking spreadsheet are used by your Regional Lead to confirm your participation and verify your eligibility for the OERL stipend at the end of the term. We’ve made a minor change to the [OERL Expectations for Spring 2022](#), allowing for your hosting of an OERL event to “count” as attending two.

**January – February 2022 OERL Kick-Offs**

During the spring 2022 term, our Weekly OER Webinars will be on Fridays at 10:30 am beginning February 4. As in the past, we kick-off the term with a webinar to prepare you for your OER Liaison role. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Spring 2022 OERL Kick-Off webinars.

“Kickoffs” provide an opportunity for the OERI to update OER Liaisons and for the OERI to hear from Liaisons. Please note that a special orientation will also be held for all new OER Liaisons. If you are not a new OERL, but a newer one, and would like to be included in the scheduling of this event, **please let us know as soon as possible**.

Register for Thursday, February 3, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm OERL Kick-Off

Register for Wednesday, February 9, 9:00 am - 10:00 am OERL Kick-Off

Register for Tuesday, February 15, 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm OERL Kick-Off
Register for Monday, February 28, 10:00 am - 11:00 am OERL Kick-Off

Register for Thursday, March 10, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm OERL Kick-Off

• End of OERL-Specific Newsletter •

The rest of this newsletter contains content for a general audience, and you are expected to share it with your colleagues, as appropriate. We’ve provided a sample message that you can use, but feel free to adapt it to your college culture. Please note that if you have not signed up for our general newsletter, you may wish to do so as it can easily be forwarded on with your personalized message added as an introduction. Sign up for the ASCCC OERI List Serv.

• Sample Cover Message to Send to Your College •

Greetings! As the Open Educational Resources Liaison for our college, it is my responsibility to share communications from the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) Open Educational Resources Initiative (OERI) with you. Please read on to learn about upcoming events that are open to all.

If I can assist you in your considering OER or answer any OER related questions, please let me know.

• ASCCC OERI Request for Proposals (RFP) IV (2022-2023) •

The ASCCC OERI’s RFP IV is now available. Please see ASCCC OERI Request for Proposals IV – Timeline and Events for the latest information. Successful proposals must fill an unmet need and collaboration across districts will again be required. If you want to learn more, please attend one of informational webinars or our office hours.

• Discipline Communications – Don’t Miss Out •

The OERI – and ASCCC – use discipline list-servs to share information specific to a given discipline. These one-way disciplines will never overwhelm your inbox and being on your discipline’s list ensures you don’t miss out on any discipline-specific opportunities or events. Sign up for an ASCCC list-serv – or list-servs today. Please consider signing up for the ASCCC OER Initiative if this message has been forwarded to you.

• OERI Discipline Resources – Archived Webinars and Resource Collections •
The ASCCC OERI Discipline Leads have been busy updating resource lists and making new collections available. Visit our Open Educational Resource by Discipline and Open Educational Resources by TMC pages to access a comprehensive and curated list of resources by discipline or by Transfer Model Curriculum. If you are using an OER that is not on your discipline’s list, please let us know. In addition to our discipline collections, we have an ever-growing collection of archived webinars that not only offer discipline-specific information but can also expand your knowledge of OER more generally. If you are considering responding to our RFP or contributing to your local ZTC degree efforts, these resources can help to inform your response to either or both.

• OERI Events – Mid-December 2021- January 2022 •

Below you will find events hosted by the OERI Discipline Leads, OERI weekly webinars, and RFP-related webinars and office hours. A “conversation” or an “office hour” is an informal discussion of a specific topic that will not be archived. Webinars will be archived. The ASCCC OERI will provide automated captioning for all webinars. If you would like to request live human closed-captioning for any of our offerings, please contact us by e-mail at least 10 business days in advance.

Upcoming December Events

Thursday, December 9, 4:00 - 5:00 pm
ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours
Office hours provide an opportunity for you to ask your questions related to the RFP and clarify issues addressed in the RFP IV webinars. Learn more at RFP IV Timeline and Events. Register for ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours

Friday, December 10, 10:30-11:30am
Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Program Informational Webinar
What exactly is the ZTC Program and how do colleges participate in its first phase? A Chancellor's Office representative will discuss legislative intent behind this program and what colleges need to do during the "planning grant" phase. Where does OER "fit" in the ZTC Program? Come with your questions - and leave with answers. Register for Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Program Informational Webinar

Friday, December 10, 1:00 - 2:00pm
How to integrate OER Physics homework sets in Canvas
In this webinar, we will demonstrate how to integrate OpenStax Physics problems in your Canvas shell using MyOpenMath. Complete problem sets are available for OpenStax College Physics and University Physics, Volumes 1, 2 and 3. Join us and bring your questions and experiences to contribute to the discussion.
Register for How to integrate OER Physics homework sets in Canvas

Monday, December 13, 1:00 - 2:00pm
ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours
Office hours provide an opportunity for you to ask your questions related to the RFP and clarify issues addressed in the RFP IV webinars. Learn more at RFP IV Timeline and Events.
Register for ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours

January Events

Monday, January 3, 4:00pm – 5:00pm
ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours
Office hours provide an opportunity for you to ask your questions related to the RFP and clarify issues addressed in the RFP IV webinars. Learn more at RFP IV Timeline and Events.
Register for ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours

Thursday, January 6, 2:30 – 3:30pm
RFP IV – An Overview
What characteristics make a proposal competitive? This session will provide an overview of the Request for Proposals, with ample time for your questions.
Register for RFP IV – An Overview

Wednesday, January 12, 2:00pm – 3:00pm
ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours
Office hours provide an opportunity for you to ask your questions related to the RFP and clarify issues addressed in the RFP IV webinars. Learn more at RFP IV Timeline and Events.
Register for ASCCC OER Request for Proposals (RFP) IV Office Hours

Friday, January 14, 2:00pm – 3:00pm
RFP IV Focused Webinar III – Budget and Action Plan
What does a realistic budget and an effective plan look like? In this webinar we’ll discuss the level of detail needed in your budget and action plan and address common budget-related questions.
Register for RFP IV Focused Webinar III – Budget and Action Plan