



Call for Applications from California Community Colleges AAC&U's 2023-2024 Institute on Open Educational Resources

Through generous funding provided by the Williams and Flora Hewlett Foundation, the American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) is inviting colleges from the California Community College system to apply to participate, **free of charge**, in the 2023-2024 Institute on Open Educational Resources (OER). **The deadline for submitting an application is May 1, 2023.**

Ten California Community Colleges will be selected to participate in the Institute. The overarching goal of the Institute is to help colleges actualize an ambitious strategy to broaden campus engagement with and adoption of OER. We invite you to submit an application as an expression of your institution's interest in participating by May 1, 2023. Campuses will learn of selection decisions no later than May 8, 2023. The application form is located at the following address:

https://aacu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_57t00J6dJK3mfTE

The Institute on Open Educational Resources provides a **year-long, online engagement** opportunity for teams from campuses to engage in focused work for a full year via virtual events, ongoing consulting, and cross-institutional interactions as participants' OER implementation and acceleration plans are developed and put into practice. Full details regarding this year-long Institute can be found at

<https://www.aacu.org/event/2023-2024-institute-open-educational-resources>

This Institute will begin with a kick-off event on July 24–25, 2023. Participating teams will engage in activities to facilitate the development of an OER implementation plan. This will include a cross-unit collaborative project to be implemented during the fall semester. Institute faculty will serve as partners for campus planning and project development. Campus teams can expect consultative opportunities to interact with the Institute's faculty throughout the fall and spring terms as their plan is implemented and evolves. Monthly webinars and cross-institutional planning meetings will be hallmarks of the year-long Institute as well. In addition to the kick-off and monthly meetings, a day-long event will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, in preparation for the spring semester. The Institute will conclude with a capstone closing event on June 10–11, 2024.

Applicants can be at any stage in the process of launching and contributing to OER work on their campus. Teams should include a diverse set of colleagues and may include a senior academic officer, faculty members, librarians, center for teaching and learning staff, learning technologies professionals, or student affairs leaders. Your team may also include assessment and curriculum specialists and others with active roles in advancing OER, curricular reform, course design, student learning, and student success on campus. Although not restricted, a typical team minimum size would consist of five individuals.

Questions regarding this opportunity or AAC&U's Institute on Open Educational Resources should be directed to Dr. C. Edward Watson, Associate Vice President for Curricular and Pedagogical Innovation & Executive Director of Open Educational Resources and Digital Innovation, AAC&U, at watson@aacu.org.