Prairie View A&M University
Office of Academic Affairs

OER Faculty Award - Call for Proposals
Summer 2023

Purpose

The Office of Academic Affairs is soliciting proposals from faculty for the adoption, creation, and implementation of Open Educational Resources (OER) into existing PVAMU courses in Fall 2023/Spring 2024. The award carries one month of summer salary in June 2023 **(note: no other paid teaching/research/service appointment can be taken in June 2023)** and will provide support for faculty to use OER and other educational resources as a pathway to creating more equitable access to student learning that helps to mitigate the overall cost of higher education and support students toward graduation. Freshman and Sophomore level core courses and/or courses with high impact numbers for the department are given priority.

What are OER?

OER are instructional resources that carry legal permissions which allow anyone to freely use, reuse, adapt, remix, share, and redistribute the resource. UNESCO defines OER as "teaching, learning and research materials in any medium – digital or otherwise – that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open license that permits no-cost access, use, adaptation and redistribution by others with no or limited restrictions" [Open Educational Resources (OER), UNESCO]. Examples of OER include: open textbooks, videos, images, course modules, lectures, homework assignments, quizzes, lab and classroom activities, games, simulations, and other educational resources.

For more information about PVAMU's OER initiatives, see the page developed by Dr. Megan Collins and Dr. Yolander Youngblood, the page developed by the Center for Instructional Innovation & Technology Services, or the page developed by the PVAMU Library.

Applicant Eligibility

- Full-time, tenured and tenure-track faculty, or full-time non-tenure track faculty who are returning during the 2023-2024 academic year.

- Affirmation from the Department Head and Dean that the course section assigned to the faculty member in Fall 2023/Spring 2024 would be designated in PantherTracks as a full OER course section without other textbook requirements.

Individual or Team Awards

- Proposals for one summer month (June 2023) of support will allow the recipients to devote time to adopt, create, or implement OER.

- A team approach can be considered if the course has multiple sections and multiple faculty members are able to work together toward a common goal of OER implementation in Fall 2023/Spring 2024. Teams should be limited to no more than four faculty members, and they must be addressing a course with a significant number of sections of the same course. Each faculty member would receive up to one month of summer salary.

Requirements and Limitations

- Implementation of OER into an existing course through any combination of the following: adoption of existing OER, adaptation/remix of multiple OER, creation and development of new OER, improvement of current OER, etc.

- Previous support winners from spring 2019 and summer 2022 who created an OER textbook or supplemental course reader are not eligible. These previous award winners developed materials for ARAB 1301 and 1302, CHEG 2308, CHEM 4105 and 4106, CHIN 1301 and 1302, COMM 1311, CRJS 2433, ENGL 0111, HIST 1301, MATH 2024, MUSC 1313, PHIL 2303, POSC 1113, SOCG 1301, SOCG 1306, SPAN 1301 and 1302.

- Faculty must agree to listing a Fall 2023/Spring 2024 course <u>section</u> as a full OER designated course section in PantherTracks.

- Faculty should especially consider courses with high D, F, and W end-of-course grades.

- High enrollment and/or core courses are preferred.

- Courses with multiple sections require a level of coordination across faculty.

- Laboratory sections are encouraged if there are multiple sections. For example, BIOL 2401.P61 (lab section) and BIOL 2401.P01 (lecture section) are separate sections for an Anatomy and Physiology course. The lecture and lab sections use separate textbooks. There are multiple laboratory sections of this course offered each semester (e.g., BIOL 2401.P61, BIOL 2401.P62, BIOL 2401.P63, etc.). An individual or team may implement OER into all the lab sections, whereby BIOL 2401.P61, BIOL 2401.P62, BIOL 2401.P63, etc. would be designated as OER, but the lecture section of the course (BIOL 2401.P01) would not.

Submissions

Submissions should include:
- Description of the project (maximum 3 pages, single spaced) including:
    - Course, course context, and description of the need for OER
    - If utilizing a team-approach to OER design and adoption, a description of the team and need for such an approach
    - Project goal and outcomes
    - Activities and processes to accomplish the goal and outcomes
    - Total projected number of students impacted
    - Total projected savings for students

- An email from the Department Head and Dean that the course section assigned to the faculty member in Fall 2023/Spring 2024 would be designated in PantherTracks as a full OER course section without other textbook requirements.

- An email or memo from the Department Head and Dean that acknowledges that faculty across sections of the course would be interested in adopting the same OER resources being developed by the individual faculty member or faculty team.

- Full CV that supports the applicant's ability to complete the project (teams must submit CVs of each faculty member).

The proposal must be submitted as a single PDF document via email to Dr. Yolander Youngblood, Chair of OER Committee (yryoungblood@pvamu.edu) by **February 21, 2023**.

Review & Selection

The OER Committee will review the submissions and make recommendations to the Provost, who will make the final selections. Decisions will be made by **March 6, 2023**.

Submissions will be evaluated on:
- Significance of the course context for OER
- Impact on access and equity for students of the course
- Number of students who take the course
- Percentage of students in the college/university impacted
- Quality of objectives, activities, and outcomes
- Potential value to other instructors and students of the course
- Promise of applicant as a faculty to implement OER (from full CV)
- Ability to complete the outcomes on time and implement OER by stated deadlines

Questions

For questions, please contact Dr. Yolander Youngblood, Chair of OER Committee (yryoungblood@pvamu.edu).