

Open Educational Resources Grant and Support Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Can instructors from affiliate colleges (King's, Huron, Brescia) apply for these grants?

Unfortunately, instructors from affiliate colleges cannot apply as a Project Lead. Instructors from affiliate colleges can apply as a collaborator. The Project Lead must have a home department at Western University.

Can we choose one of the more restrictive Creative Commons licenses to apply to our projects?

Yes, [any of the 6 Creative Commons licenses](#) can be applied to a project. Traditional Knowledge labels and other open licenses may also be applied, where needed.

Do Adaptation or Creation projects that are currently in progress qualify for this funding?

Yes, projects that are currently in progress but have not yet been published or released openly can apply for funding.

Where am I required to share my OER once it is completed?

At a minimum, Creation and Adaptation projects must be deposited in [Scholarship@Western](#) and the [eCampusOntario Open Library](#). As part of this project, we can also explore other repositories where projects could be distributed to increase visibility and use.

Can I apply to fund one part of a larger project?

Yes. If doing so, please be mindful that anything we fund will still need to be made available openly and/or used in a course or teaching opportunity during the 2024-25 academic year (or sooner).

If my project involves a teaching resource that will be delivered to and used by faculty, rather than students, can I apply?

You can, as this would probably be considered a “co-curricular teaching resource.” However, in completing your application, please consider the criteria in the [evaluation rubric](#), which will be used to evaluate your proposal. The rubric gives significant weight to the impact that a project will have for students, and so you will need to be prepared to speak to this in your application.