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Call for Proposals: OER Advancement Awards

Description:
The Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), in collaboration with the Steen Library, announces a call for proposals for Open Educational Resource (OER) Advancement Awards. These awards will support faculty in positively impacting students by advancing the use of Open Educational Resources on SFA campus. Projects should be completed and the course offered (with no educational materials cost) no later than Summer 2026, and for the following two academic years. Faculty may choose to significantly redesign a course in order to accommodate the use of an OER in place of the current textbook, or they may choose to modify or expand an existing OER for use in an SFA course.

Types of Awards:
Individual OER Advancement Award ($2500): Faculty members teaching a course with no more than a single section offered each semester are eligible for an individual OER Advancement Award. Preference will be given to courses with enrollment of 30 or more students per academic year. Multiple Individual OER Advancement Awards may be funded.
Collaborative OER Advancement Award ($10,000): Groups of at least two faculty members who teach a course with multiple sections offered each semester are eligible for a Collaborative OER Advancement Award. Applications for Collaborative Awards will require departmental commitment to adopt the redesigned course/materials across all sections of the course for at least four long semesters following the completion of the award period. This award will be split equally among all contributors.

Application Process:
OER Advancement Award applications are due no later than April 20, 2025. The application form can be viewed and submitted at https://tinyurl.com/OER-Award. Awardees will be notified by May 1, 2025.

Requirements for OER Advancement Awards:
- Individuals who are awarded an OER Advancement Award will be required to participate in the following CTL events:
    o Adopting and Adapting OER workshop in Spring or Summer 2025
    o Advancing OER workshop in Summer 2025
- It is expected that awardees will spend a significant amount of time in Summer 2025 working to redesign their course or modify an existing OER. For successful project completion, the redesigned course/materials must be used in a course offered no later than Summer 2026.
- At project completion, the total cost for required course materials in the specified course must be $0.
- Any resources produced by the project must be made publicly available with an open license of the author's/authors' choice.
- See additional requirements outlined in the application form at https://tinyurl.com/OER-Award.

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