# **Open Educational Resources Grants**

The Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant program provides funding and staff support to KPU faculty members interested in creating, adapting, and adopting OERs (and other types of [Open Pedagogy](http://openpedagogy.org/)). In addition to enabling significant cost savings to students, it is hoped that through these grants faculty at KPU will gain the experience and expertise to ensure that OERs adopted at KPU are revised in a timely fashion and that their lifespan can be extended and tailored to meet our students' needs. Faculty will also gain awareness of the values and practices associated with open pedagogy and a critical appreciation of the reciprocal relationship between pedagogy and evolving OERs. Funded projects should ideally evaluate the impact (e.g., on students), including by conducting a study of student perceptions and/or impact on learning outcomes.

The grants are jointly funded by BCcampus and the Office of the Vice President Academic and Provost. Grant recipients receive funding, primarily in the form of student support, in addition to in-kind assistance through KPU Open Education, the Library, and Teaching & Learning Commons.

## **Eligibility**

Regular faculty at KPU may receive an Open Educational Research Grant. The intent is to distribute funds to maximize direct benefits to a wide range of student learners and across a diversity of disciplines. Faculty members, individually or jointly, as well as course teams may submit grant proposals. Eligible expenses include:

* Support for KPU student assistants (e.g. locating relevant OER, assisting with integrating OER into course websites, providing assistance with research, etc.).
* Development of data collection instruments and support for data collection and analysis (including focus groups with potential users).
* Conference registration fees, such as for the Open Textbook Summit or Festival of Learning.

Note: These grants are limited to $2000 and so may not be applied to time releases for instructional faculty.

## **Expectations of Grant Recipients**

* Publication of the OER with an open (Creative Commons) license.
* Publication of the OER in an open, editable format (e.g., [Pressbooks](https://opentextbc.ca/pressbooks/)).
* Acknowledgement of the support from the OER grant in the publication(s).
* Storage of the OER in an open repository (e.g., [KORA](http://kora.kpu.ca/)).
* The OER will follow the guidelines in the [BC Open Textbook Accessibility Toolkit](https://opentextbc.ca/accessibilitytoolkit/).
* Participation at OER workshops or seminars during the project.
* Sharing of experiences with the KPU teaching and learning community.
* A brief summary report (up to 2 pages) submitted upon completion of the project.

## **In Kind Contributions**

Grant recipients will benefit from the support of the Associate Vice Provost, Open Education, the expertise of librarians, who can assist with identifying suitable OER, the application of [Creative Commons licenses](http://creativecommons.org/choose/), and training in the use of Pressbooks, and the assistance of Teaching & Learning Commons staff, who may assist with instructional design and integrating the OER into Moodle.

## **Evaluation Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

* The extent to which they include curation, adaptation, or creation of open educational resources (OERs)
* The inclusion of plans to re-use the OERs in courses in subsequent semesters
* The potential reuse of the OERs by other instructors
* The number of students impacted by the displacement of commercial textbooks or other educational resources
* The application of principles of open pedagogy
* The plan for the ongoing review/update of the OERs (if applicable)

## **To Apply**

1. Review the information in this application form.
2. Complete all sections of the application form.
3. Submit your application to open@kpu.ca

Applications will be reviewed three times a year (May 1, September 1, and January 15) until the available funding has been allocated.

1. **Title of Project.**
2. **General Information.**

Principal Applicant:

Faculty:

Department/School:

Telephone:

Email:

Co-applicant(s) (if applicable):

Faculty:

Department/School:

Telephone:

Email:

Course Code & Number (e.g., PSYC 1100):

Semester Offered:

Estimated Project Start Date:

Estimated Project End Date:

Total Amount Requested (up to $2,000):

1. **Describe the proposed project (1–2 pages maximum).**
2. **Please provide a timeline of your project. Include a list of key activities and milestones with dates in the template below.**

| **Activities and Milestones** | **Fall 2019** | **Spring 2020** | **Summer 2020** |
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| **Sept.** | **Oct.** | **Nov.** | **Dec.** | **Jan.** | **Feb.** | **Mar.** | **Apr.** | **May** | **June** | **July** | **Aug.** |
| *(e.g., conduct a needs analysis)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *(e.g., hire a student)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *(e.g., adapt OER)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *(e.g., test OER)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *(e.g., disseminate results)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| *(e.g., submit brief report)* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Note: Projects are expected to be complete within 2 to 3 semesters.

**5. Budget Request.**

Present the budget you are requesting and a brief description for each line item in the table below. If you plan to hire a student, please detail what their responsibilities will be, as well as their rate of pay, estimated hours, and amount allocated for student. For other types of expenses, please enter the cost in the “Amount” column.

*Note: The rate of pay for student assistants is minimum wage ($13.85 per hour from June 1, 2019). These rates include the 4% vacation pay, but do not include the mandatory 8% deductions for EI and CPP required by the University. Please include the 8% deduction in your budget line item.*

| **Item** | **Rate** | **Hours** | **Amount** | **Description** |
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| **Total (not to exceed $2000)** |  |  |  |  |

**6. Please list any additional funding (applied for, or received) for this project, as well as any in-kind support.**

I agree to:

* Publish the OER with an open (Creative Commons) license;
* Publish the OER in an open, editable format (e.g., [Pressbooks](https://opentextbc.ca/pressbooks/));
* Acknowledge the support from the OER grant in the publication;
* Store the OER in an open repository (e.g,. [KORA](http://kora.kpu.ca/));
* Follow the guidelines in the [BC Open Textbook Accessibility Toolkit](https://opentextbc.ca/accessibilitytoolkit/);
* Participate in available workshops/seminars during the project;
* Evaluate the effectiveness of the OER implementation in the course involved;
* Share my experience with OER at KPU events or via campus communication channels as appropriate;
* Complete and submit a brief summary report to the administrators of the award upon completion of the project.

Signature of Applicant (electronic signature accepted):

Date:

Signature of Dean of Faculty (electronic signature accepted):

Date:

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This application form has been adapted from the SFU OER grants form.