

Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. ***Who is eligible to apply for a grant from this program? Is it for a single faculty, a group of faculty members, or is it for an institution of higher education?***

Eligible applicants include individual faculty members or a group of faculty members. An institutional representative must certify, with a signature on the application, that the institution acknowledges the submission of the application.

2. ***Is there a limit to the number of faculty members from one institution who can apply to the grant program?***

There is no limit.

3. ***I work at a private institution. Am I eligible to apply?***

The OER Grant Program eligibility is limited to faculty members from Texas public higher education institutions.

4. ***Can I apply in collaboration with a colleague at my institution or another institution?***

Faculty members may collaborate and submit an application; however, one faculty must be designated as the official Applicant. Cross-institutional applications are encouraged and will receive priority points.

5. ***I wish to submit an application to use OER in a Texas Core Curriculum course. Do all faculty members at my institution who teach that course have to agree to use OER?***

Only the successful Applicant must teach the course a minimum of four terms using only OER.

6. ***I want to pay a student/adjunct/instructor to help me? Is that subcontracting?***

If the Applicant plans to use a portion of the grant to pay someone else, that is subcontracting. The successful Applicant must provide a plan that details the subcontracted work in the application and receive written permission from the OER Grant Program staff.

7. ***Does the matching in-kind contribution from the institution (for Development Grants) have to be a 1:1 match?***

The matching contribution does not have a specified percentage and does not have to be 1:1. It could be less or more.

8. ***Can I use resources that the university subscribes to and are free to students (ex. JSTOR)?***

The resources must be made freely available in electronic format to students and faculty across the state, not only at the institution.

9. ***I missed the inquiry deadline. Can I still apply by June 15?***

No formal letter of inquiry/intent is required for this grant program. The application must be submitted on or before 11:59 pm Central Daylight Time, June 15, 2020 via email to OERGP@highered.texas.gov.

10. ***I cannot apply to the grant program for this cycle. How can I learn about future OER grant programs?***

THECB provides update using GovDelivery. Sign up to receive notices about future OER grants through [e-update link](#).

Requirements for the OER Grant Program are detailed in the RFA, which can be found at www.highered.texas.gov/oergp.