

Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *Who is the applicant for this grant program? A faculty member or the institution?*

A Texas institution of higher education as defined in [Texas Education Code 61.003\(8\)](#) is the eligible applicant for this RFA.

2. *Is there a limit to the number of applications from the same institution that can apply to the grant program?*

An Eligible Applicant may submit a maximum of one (1) Application for a Development Grant and a maximum of one (1) Application for a Continuous Improvement Grant for a particular course.

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

For this RFA, only Texas public institutions of higher education are eligible.

4. *Can an institution apply in collaboration with another institution?*

Collaborative applications are acceptable. One public institution must be identified as the Applicant. For Development Grants, an applicant that proposes cross-institutional collaboration will receive priority points.

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

If you wish to use a portion of the grant to pay someone else, that would be subcontracting, and you would need to specify your plan in your application and receive written permission from THECB to subcontract, should a grant be awarded.

6. *Does the matching in-kind contribution from the institution have to be a 1:1 match?*

The matching contribution for Development Grants does have to be 1:1 match. The required institutional matching may include, but is not limited to, in-kind contributions for instructional designers or project managers and grant administration costs.

7. *Can the materials included in the course OER be from resources that the institution subscribes to and are free to students such as content from library subscription databases (e.g., JSTOR)?*

The resources must be made freely available in electronic format to students and faculty across the state, not only at the institution. Resources must be posted in the OERTX repository and align with open licensing requirements outlined in this RFA.

8. *I missed the inquiry deadline. Can I still apply by December 2?*

No formal letter of intent is required for this grant program. Any questions about the RFA must be received by the inquiry deadline 11:59 p.m. CT on November 22.

Applications must be submitted by December 2 at 11:59pm to OERGP@highered.texas.gov.

9. *Our institution cannot apply to the grant program for this cycle. How can we learn about future OER grant programs?*

Individuals can sign up at our [e-update link](#) or join the [Digital Learning News & Events group in OERTX](#) to receive notices about future RFAs. You can also follow the [Texas Legislature](#) for bills that might be of interest, including the OER grant program.

Requirements for the OER Grant Program are detailed in the RFA, which can be found at <https://www.highered.texas.gov/institutional-grant-opportunities/open-educational-resources-grant-program/>.