Designing and Implementing an Open Textbook Grant Program: Successes and Challenges #acrlopentextbooks





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What is an OER? The 5 R's of Open Education

Open Educational Resource

RETAIN: You can keep the work forever

REUSE: You can use the work for your own purpose

REVISE: You can adapt, modify, or translate the work

REMIX: You can combine it with another resource

REDISTRIBUTE: You can share the work with others

"Teachers Use Various Media Delightedly!"

And, you can do all of this For Free and Without Requesting Permissions







Attribution: You can use it, but you have to credit the creator.

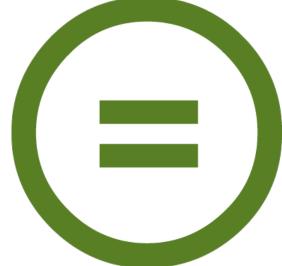
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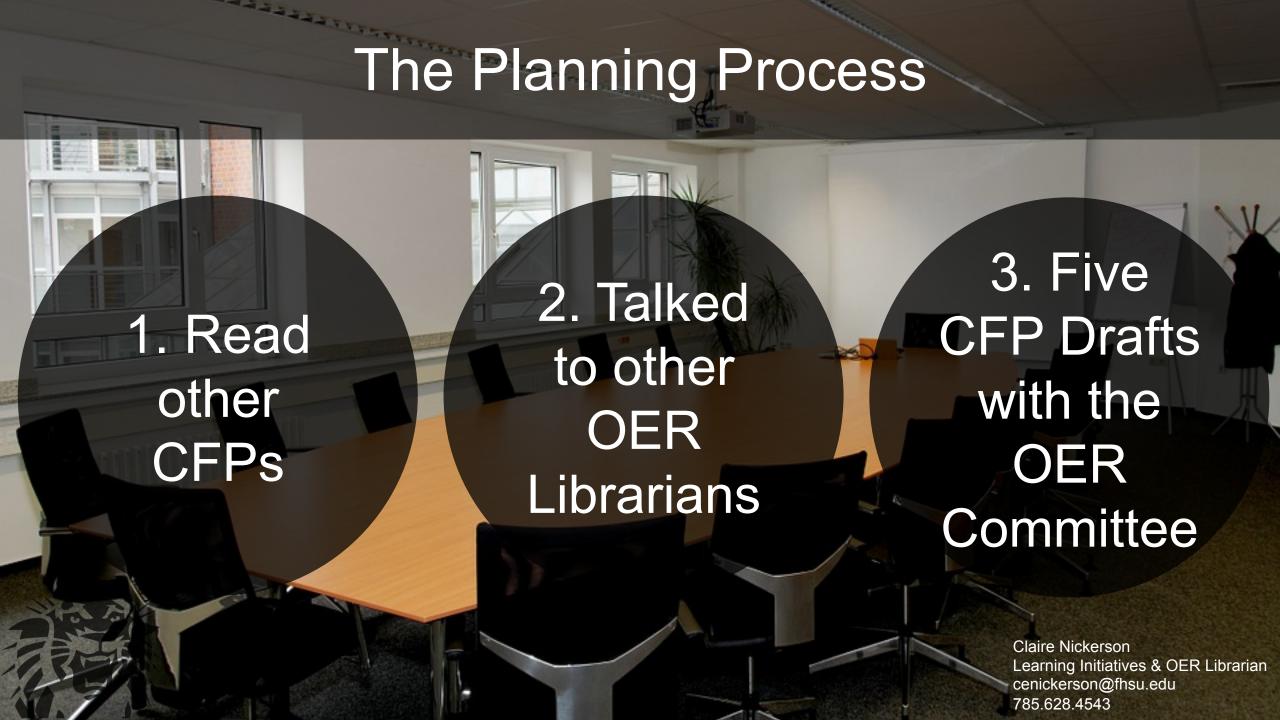




Review Time!

On a Scale of 1-10, how open are the following resources?

- A) An image with a CCO license
- B) An online textbook with a CC BY-SA license
- C) A free online homework system





Points of Contention

How can we

ensure the

quality of

the end

product?

Will faculty
actually
write a
textbook for
this amount
of money?

How will this project affect promotion and tenure?

provide during the writing process?

What support

can we

What level of detail should we ask for in the proposals?

What We Actually Did (The First Time)

Application Instructions

Google Form Application

Information Sessions

Award
Letters and
Agreements



We Actually edu/library/oer/grants/ What

1. Applicant Information:

- a. Name of the primary adaptor
- Department
- c. Title
- d. Summer contact (phone number)
- e. Funding Request (Level One or Level Two depending on project proposal)

2. Course Information:

- a. Course Name(s)
- b. Course Number(s)
- c. How many course sections will use the adapted textbook?
- d. What is the estimated total one-year student enrollment that will benefit?
- List the commercially published textbook, if any, to be replaced by the proposed open textbook
- f. What is the estimated student cost for the current textbook or alternative learning materials?
- Abstract: (no more than 500 words, written for a non-specialized audience)
 - Summarize the proposed open textbook adaptation project.
 - Describe briefly why this project will have impact for students.

4. Expertise: (500 words)

- a. Provide a short biographical summary of the primary adaptor
- Describe any special subject expertise the grant applicant can contribute to textbook revisions or to the development of high-quality original supplementary materials.
- c. Name any additional contributors who will be involved.

What we Actually (fhsu.edu/library/oer/grants/

- Narrative: (1000 words maximum)
 - Describe the need for an open textbook for the proposed course.
 - Provide a bibliographic citation for the textbook you intend to adapt and a link to its online location. Explain why you have selected this particular textbook.
 - c. How do you plan to go about implementing the open textbook for your course? List the major steps. (e.g., undertake major revisions of an existing textbook, make minor revisions, develop supplemental materials). Please provide sufficient detail to help the OER Council understand your proposal.
 - d. What additional resources or support will you need to undertake this project that are not currently available to you?
 - e. Explain how the relevant copyright issues, if any, will be addressed. Will you use only materials available in the public domain, materials available under a creative commons license, materials used with permission from the creator, or only your own individually-created materials? (If you have questions about copyright issues, please contact Claire Nickerson, Learning Initiatives & OER Librarian for Forsyth Library, at cenickerson@fhsu.edu prior to submitting your grant application.)
 - f. How will students access the assigned textbook?
- 6. Additional Information to explain the merit of your proposal (optional): (e.g., information regarding the need for OER resources in a discipline, plans for textbook peer review by others in your field, previous experience you have had with development or implementation of OERs for other courses)

What We Decided to do Differently Next Time

Problem

Application data was unreadable

Faculty didn't follow instructions

Project types were inflexible

Solution

Use a different application platform

Have faculty do presentations

Write a more open CFP



What We Actually Did (The Second Time)

Application Instructions

Information Sessions

Presentation Scheduling

Presentations

http://www.fhsu.edu/oer/getinvolved/

