

Open Educational Resources (FY2025-26)

Request for Proposals

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Purpose

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) Board awards funds to support the adoption, development and expansion of Open Educational Resources (OER). Open Educational Resources (OER) are learning, teaching and research materials in any format and medium that reside in the public domain or are under copyright that have been released under an open license (e.g., [Creative Commons](#)), that permit no-cost access, re-use, re-purpose, adaptation and redistribution by others.¹ For more information, please see our [“WTCS What is OER?” video](#).

Funding in this grant category can be used toward three OER goals:

1. Adopt existing OER in courses that currently do not use/require OER. **See the [WTCS OER Repository](#).**
2. Adapt or create new OER for courses that do not have readily adoptable OER options.
3. Maintaining and updating existing OER.
4. Consortium OER Projects that convert key courses to no-cost OER content in prioritized instructional areas (*invitation-only*).

Funds Available and Additional Limitations

- Up to \$3,000,000 will be available for these purposes for FY25-26.
- On an invitation-only basis, an award will be granted to one Wisconsin technical college to act as a fiscal agent and manage grant activities that support the development of one or more Consortium OER Projects.

¹ [UNESCO definition](#)

- For the first three goals—(1) adopting, (2) adapting or creating, and (3) maintaining Open Educational Resources (OER)—that involve providing funding or stipends for institutional OER work, the funding will be distributed to each college based on its share of unique courses (including college-level and adult education/English language learning) that are reported in Client Reporting as currently lacking OER.

Measurable Objectives

The objectives in this grant are to expand the access and adoption of Open Educational Resources across the Wisconsin Technical College System, which includes:

- Increase college affordability by removing course material barriers for WI Technical College students through the adoption of OER. Increase the number of WI Technical College students who enroll in OER courses that do not have course material or courseware costs.
- Adopt existing OER for WI Technical College courses with readily available open content (e.g., general education courses).
- Adapt, develop and create new OER for WI Technical College courses, especially within prioritized career and technical education areas.
- Share newly developed OER across the WI Technical College System to maximize the adoption of these resources across all WI Technical Colleges with similar courses.

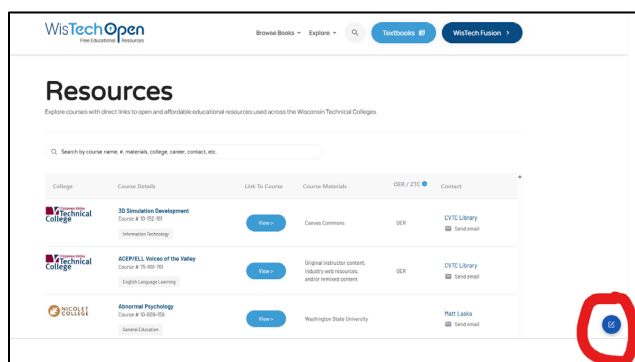
Allowable Activities

- Up to 5% can be allocated toward administrative costs.
- This funding can only be used to support the adoption, adaptation and creation of open educational resources.
- **Goal 1: Adopt existing OER.**
 - Stipends for faculty time and effort to adopt existing OER into their courses.
 - Salary/stipends for faculty support staff (e.g., OER librarian)
- **Goal 2. Adapt/Create new OER.**
 - Stipends for faculty time and effort to adapt/create OER for their courses.
 - Salary/stipends for faculty support staff (e.g., OER librarian)
- **Goal 3. Maintain OER.**
 - Stipends for faculty time and effort to update and maintain OER for their courses.
 - Salary/stipends for faculty support staff (e.g., OER librarian)
- **Goal 4. Consortium OER Projects (*invitation-only*)**
 - Salary, stipends and contracts for OER creation project members to develop grant deliverables, including stipends/contracts for review of OER content, project management, etc. Project members should include employees of the grantee lead college and employees of other WI Technical Colleges.
 - Compensating students for work to support OER projects (e.g., review OER content, provide feedback, help develop open content via open pedagogy and co-creation, captioning videos, etc.).
 - Staff professional development for successful OER development and creation.
 - Travel to Systemwide events to share OER grant deliverables and content with System colleagues.

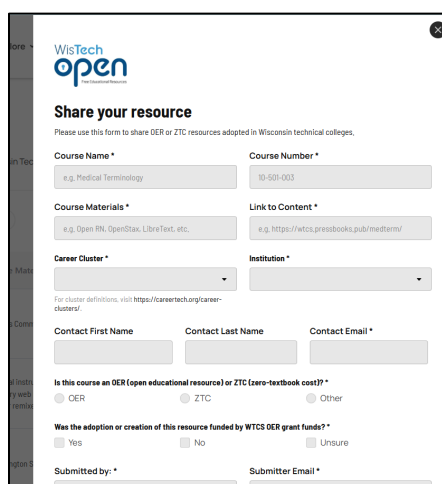
Reporting requirements

- Please see the grant report template and spreadsheet for this OER grant on [myWTCS](#).
- For adopted OER, share OER adoption information with College OER Champion for addition to the [WTCS OER Repository](#).
- For adapted/created OER: Share direct link to the developed OER deliverables with the System Office and College OER Champion for addition to the [WTCS OER Repository](#). OER deliverables must be published/released with a Creative Commons license. Upload adapted/created OER to [WISELearn Resources](#).
- Completion of the [WTCS OER Creation Project Checklist](#) for each Consortium OER Project (*invitation-only*) included within the grant report.
- Report the number of students enrolling in course sections that adopt OER due to the work of this grant using the Client Reporting Program Fee Code '71' for OER. See [reporting guidance](#).

Adding Resources to the [WTCS OER Repository](#): Click on the blue fill form button that displays on the bottom right corner of the webpage (show in screenshot).



This will open the 'share your resource' form.



WTCS Consortium OER Project Checklist

Below is a requirement of the grant reports for the invitation-only Consortium OER Grant projects.

OER Creation Checklist	Step is completed?	Step is currently in progress?	Step has not yet begun? Please provide anticipated start date.
Find and collect existing OER that can be leveraged in this OER project			
Adapt existing OER as needed and include proper attribution to these resources			
Create original OER content as needed			
Complete initial draft of OER deliverable(s)			
Collect reviewer feedback regarding OER deliverable(s)			
Incorporate reviewer feedback as needed			
Check accessibility of OER deliverable(s)			
Ensure Creative Commons license is added to OER deliverable(s)			
Publish/launch OER deliverable(s)			
Share link to OER deliverable(s) with College OER Champion and System Office for addition to WTCS OER Repository			
Upload OER Deliverables to WISELearn Resources			
Pilot OER deliverable(s) in WTCS courses (<i>optional</i>)			
Adopt OER deliverable(s) in WTCS courses			
Share/present OER deliverable(s) with System colleagues			

Planning Amounts

<i>District Name</i>	Total Amount for Institutional OER Grant
<i>Blackhawk</i>	\$53,149
<i>Chippewa Valley</i>	\$75,634
<i>Fox Valley</i>	\$155,172
<i>Gateway</i>	\$84,222
<i>Lakeshore</i>	\$59,786
<i>Madison Area</i>	\$88,564
<i>Mid-State</i>	\$58,686
<i>Milwaukee Area</i>	\$97,931
<i>Moraine Park</i>	\$69,205
<i>Nicolet Area</i>	\$50,057
<i>Northcentral</i>	\$70,293
<i>Northeast Wisconsin</i>	\$93,170
<i>Northwood</i>	\$61,330
<i>Southwest Wisconsin</i>	\$51,638
<i>Waukesha County</i>	\$65,111
<i>Western</i>	\$66,052
<i>Total</i>	\$1,200,000

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