

OER Adopter Commitment



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Target

200 reported adoptions of Open Library and VLS resources.

Why?

The Open Library supports the discovery, adoption, and use of open educational resources (OERs). The objective of the program is to create more awareness within the Ontario postsecondary sector to make use of these free resources. The data adopters provide in the adoption report will help us to track the learner savings per institution.

What is OER Adoption?

The use of an OER in an educational experience such as a course, workshop, or lesson to support the learner in reaching the learning outcomes.

What will OER Adopters do?

Adopters select an OER from the Open Library and use it in a course they teach at any publicly assisted postsecondary institution in Ontario during Summer 2023, Fall 2023 or Winter 2024. When complete, adopters submit a adoption report by providing the details of the OER adopted and the Course in which OERs are used.

Who will participate?

Instructors, educational developers or subject matter experts with an advanced degree in a particular subject and who will be teaching in Summer, Fall 2023 or Winter 2024. They will select and review the OER from the Open Library collection and provide access to the information required to fill out the adoption report.

Integrating OER Program participants who engage in OER adoption can participate in a variety of services supporting adoption and must self-report directly through the [Open Library's Adoption Report form](#) on the website. Funding for adoption reports is reserved for adoptions of OER in the Open Library.

Program participants must:

- Reside in Ontario.
- Teach at a publicly assisted college, university or Indigenous institute within the province of Ontario.
- Agree to use OER in an educational experience such as a course, workshop, or lesson to support learners achieve learning outcomes in unique courses.
- Be engaged to teach at a publicly assisted college, university, or Indigenous institution in the Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and/or Winter 2024 terms in the different courses of same subjects such as organic chemistry laboratory or chemical sciences.
- Complete the application form to participate as an OER Adopter by the specified deadlines,
- Complete Summer, Fall or Winter term adoption reports, confirming OER adoption by specified deadlines.
- Provide the necessary and accurate information for reporting OER adoptions.
- Instructors working concurrently for multiple postsecondary institutions must select the multiple institutions to complete application forms at which they adopt an OER.
- The OER adoption program is limited to one OER for each unique course.

Stipends

Upon completion of the adoption requirements, eCampusOntario will provide an honorarium of \$300 for each unique OER adoption in recognition of the participant's time. Participants interested in adopting multiple OERs may complete a maximum of five adoptions for a total of \$1500.

eCampusOntario reserves the right to reject applicants for OER adoption if the participant cannot demonstrate that they meet the criteria as defined above. Where the number of qualified applicants exceeds the limited number of paid OER adoption opportunities within a fiscal year, OER adopters will be accepted into the program on a first-come-first-served basis.

All funding disbursements will require participants to meet program deadlines. Funding will be disbursed at set times.

Process will look like:

1. Applicants [complete form](#).
2. Open Library Team reviews applications and eligibility requirements.
3. Eligible participants receive confirmation email and consent form to share financial details.
4. Once we received your consent and please feel free to choose any OER in the eCampusOntario Open Library and adopt in Summer, Fall 2023 or Winter 2024 in unique courses.
5. [Adoption reports](#) are completed by deadlines.
6. Open Library Team will contact participants if additional information required.
7. Stipend amount disbursed at the end of term (see schedule).

Timeline for Adopters

	Activity	Term	Dates
Adopters	Apply to become an Adopter	Summer	August 18, 2023
	Complete and Submit Summer Reports	Summer	September 4, 2023
	Stipend for Summer Term Adopters released	Summer	September 29, 2023
	Apply to become an Adopter	Fall	November 22, 2023
	Complete and Submit Fall Reports	Fall	December 4, 2023
	Stipend for Fall Term Adopters released	Fall	December 22, 2023
	Apply to become an Adopter	Winter	January 26, 2024
	Complete and Submit Winter Reports	Winter	February 2, 2024
	Stipend for Winter Term Adopters released	Winter	March 1, 2024

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