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OER Peer Reviewer Commitment



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Target

200 completed peer reviews of Open Library and VLS resources.

Why?

In order to continuously improve the Open Library's collection of open educational resources (OER), we have developed an [OER peer review rubric](#) appropriate for the wide-ranging, and innovative OER formats now available in the Open Library. Your subject expertise, knowledge, and application of the rubric standards will provide constructive feedback to improve on OER quality.

What Peer Reviewers will do

Subject Matter Experts will evaluate the quality of OER based on the rubric set standards.

Who will participate?

Subject matter experts – educators who possess mastery in the subject area. For SMEs (Subject matter experts) applying to conduct peer reviews, the Open Library defines mastery as someone who has an advanced degree in the subject area and has taught within this area over the last to twelve months.

Action Item:

Integrating OER Program participants who engage as OER peer reviewers can submit their interest directly by [clicking here](#). Funding for peer reviews is reserved for reviews of OER in the Open Library and VLS (Virtual Learning Strategy) Collection.

Eligibility Requirements to Become a Peer Reviewer

Program participants must:

- Reside in Ontario.
- Teach at a publicly-assisted college, university or Indigenous institute within the province of Ontario.
- Be a subject matter expert on OER content being reviewed. The Open Library defines subject matter expert as someone who has an advanced degree in the subject area, and who has taught within this area over the last twelve months.
- Complete the [application form](#) and select OER by the specified deadlines.
- Provide honest and constructive feedback on the selected OER based on the Open Library's [Criteria for OER Review](#).
- Understand and accept that completed peer reviews will be published on the Open Library website.
- Instructors working concurrently for more than one postsecondary institution must select multiple institutions in the application form.

Stipends

Upon completion of the peer review, eCampusOntario will provide an honorarium of \$300 per completed peer review in recognition of the participant's time and academic contributions to the Open Library.

Participants interested in reviewing multiple OERs may complete a maximum of three reviews for a total of \$900.

eCampusOntario reserves the right to reject applicants for peer review if the participant cannot demonstrate they meet the criteria for “subject matter expert” as defined above. Where the number of qualified applicants exceeds the limited number of paid peer review opportunities within a fiscal year, reviewers will be accepted into the program on a first-come-first-served basis.

The Peer Review Process:

1. Applicants [complete form](#).
2. Open Library team reviews details and applicant eligibility criteria.
3. Applicants receive confirmation email and consent form to share financial details.
4. Once we received your consent, please feel free to choose any [OER from the Open Library](#) and start reviewing it based on the rubric provided in your confirmation email. Please note, if you participated as peer reviewer last year, this year you need to choose a different OER to review.
5. Your official peer review will be provided through a unique survey link that we send you via email. Please complete and submit by specific deadlines.
6. Open Library Team will contact participants if any additional information is required.
7. Stipend amount will be disbursed as per the deadlines at the end of each term.

Timelines for Peer Reviewers:

	Activity	Term	Dates
Peer Reviewer	Apply to become a Peer Reviewer	Summer	August 18, 2023
	Complete and Submit Peer Review Report	Summer	September 4, 2023
	Stipend for Summer Term Reviewers released	Summer	September 29, 2023
	Apply to become a Peer Reviewer	Fall	November 16, 2023
	Complete and Submit Peer Review Report	Fall	November 30, 2023
	Stipend for Fall Term Reviewers released	Fall	December 22, 2023

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