



## Open Educational Resources Fund

The Open Educational Resources (OER) Fund was established through the UBC Academic Excellence Fund to support affordable and inclusive access to learning materials through the adaptation, adoption, development, and integration of OER within UBC credit courses.

### OER Fund Grants

In alignment with UBC's Strategic Plan, Shaping UBC's Next Century, the Office of the Provost at UBC Vancouver, is committing \$250,000 in annual funding for the next four years to support OER initiatives. At least \$200,000 of this funding is allocated for yearly grants. Resource grants may be used for, but not limited to:

- Adoption, adaptation, or creation of open educational resources which address affordability and access to learning resources within UBC-V credit courses;
- Course enhancements using open educational resources, including assessment materials.
- Activities and events that seek to engage the UBCV community in increasing awareness and capacity for supporting OER.

The OER Fund will consist of two grant pathways:

- **OER Rapid Innovation Grants:** Small grants of up to \$1,000, which are available to the UBC-V community for innovative activities that increase OER development, awareness, and capacity building.
- **OER Implementation Grants:** Large grants of up to \$25,000 for UBC-V faculty who wish to incorporate OER as required materials into their UBCV credit courses.

### OER Fund Principles

The UBC OER Fund is guided by the following principles, developed in consultation with student and faculty leadership at the UBC-V campus:

1. Increase the creation, adaptation, adoption, and integration of high-quality OER, including assessment materials, in UBC credit courses.
2. Reduce student costs for learning materials and assessments.
3. Enable instructors to modify, edit, or adapt high-quality OER to fit their unique specifications and goals in order to help provide meaningful, contextualized learning materials for UBC students.
4. Engage with the UBC community to increase awareness of OER.
5. Grow capacity at UBC to support and sustain OER activities.

### OER Fund Priorities

During this round of funding, we particularly welcome proposals that focus on the following areas:

- First- and second-year undergraduate courses with high enrolment.
- Implementation of OER into multi-section courses or multiple courses.
- Development and implementation of open test/quiz/problem banks and other interactive content that can be used for assessment.
- Support for increasing awareness of OER.
- Incorporation and adaptation of existing high quality open educational resources.