Open Pedagogy Fellows Program: Terms of Reference

Program overview:
The primary aim of the Open Pedagogy Fellowship is to provide an opportunity for faculty, instructors, and lecturers to work together with students on open educational resource (OER) related projects. A secondary aim of the Fellowship is to nurture an open pedagogy community of practice amongst the fellows and in collaboration with others at the University of Regina. The Fellowship is aligned with the "Discovery" area of focus in the University of Regina's 2020-2025 Strategic Plan.

The Fellowship will provide opportunities for faculty to work with students to co-create relevant content for potential use in future course deliveries or by a wider audience. In doing so, fellows will provide experiential learning and mentorship opportunities for students through the co-creation of knowledge. Such projects have been shown to provide students with greater motivation to participate in the learning process, thus increasing the potential for student success.

Expectations:
Over the duration of their one-year fellowship, Open Pedagogy Fellows will engage students in their courses in the co-creation of OER materials. This may include, but is not limited to, engaging in one or more of the following activities as part of course work:

- Adapting or remixing OERs with students
- Developing original OERs with students
- Engaging students to actively participate in ongoing OER projects (e.g., students participating as editors on Wikipedia)
- Leading students to apply expertise in service of their communities, through the development of relevant, community-based OER projects
- Working collaboratively with students towards the co-creation of certain course materials (e.g., videos, images, designs, written course material, etc.)
- Collaborating with and mentoring students in the curation of open course content

Additionally, each fellow will be expected to give a public presentation on their open pedagogy project before the end of their term. Fellows will also be required to provide a description of their project on the Open Pedagogy project page for others to reference. Thus, the fellows will actively participate in developing an Open Pedagogy community of practice at the University of Regina.

Eligibility:
The Open Pedagogy Fellowship is open to faculty, instructors, and sessional lecturers at the University of Regina or the Federated Colleges. The funding award can only be used for an open pedagogy project in a course to be taught in any of the next three academic terms following the award notice (See Funding Table below). Sessional lecturers who have not yet received notice of their course appointments can still apply. If the awarded fund is not used within the three academic terms, it will revert back to the OEP Program General Fund. Eligible applicants may submit an application for more than one project in the same competition and may receive a maximum of two awards in three years.

Funding Table:

Term Award Received	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3 (Deadline to Use Funding)	Funding Must Be Used By
Fall	Winter	Spring/ Summer	Fall	End of Fall Term the following year
Winter	Spring/ Summer	Fall	Winter	End of Winter Term the following year
Spring/ Summer	Fall	Winter	Spring/ Summer	End of Spring/Summer Term the following year

Application Process:
Interested individuals are encouraged to submit an application containing the following information:

- A letter of support from the relevant Dean, Associate Dean, or Department/Program Chair
- An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae
- A proposal that includes the following elements:
  - Rationale for candidate's interest in becoming an Open Pedagogy Fellow
  - Description of a potential open pedagogy project for implementation
  - Goals and rationale for the project
  - Description of how student co-creation will be integrated into the project
  - Budget outline
- A short statement of teaching philosophy (1 page maximum)

Funding amount:
The program will provide up to $3,500 per project and up to eight awards in total. The funding may be used to pay for relevant materials, travel-related expenses associated with the project, technical support, and other expenses approved by the OEP Program Manager.

Timeline:

January 26, 2026	Application deadline
Spring/Summer or Fall 2026 Terms or Winter 2027 Term	Implementation of open pedagogy project with students
Spring/Summer Term 2027	Submission of open pedagogy project report and facilitation of campus presentation

Applications will be reviewed by an adjudication committee appointed by the AVP Academic in consultation with the OEP Program Advisory Committee. Submit your application to open.textbooks@uregina.ca