Open Pedagogy Fellows Program: Terms of Reference

Program overview:
The primary aim of the Open Pedagogy Fellowship is to provide an opportunity for faculty and instructors 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 tenured/tenure-track faculty, instructors, and lab instructors at the University of Regina and the Federated Colleges. Academic staff whose regular duties do not include teaching may also apply on the condition that they partner with faculty or instructors to support course-related OER activities. 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.

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 $2,500 per project. 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 OER Program Manager.

Timeline:

January 31, 2023	Application deadline
Spring/Summer or Fall Semester of 2023	Implementation of open pedagogy project with students
Winter 2024	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 OER Program Advisory Committee. Applications should be submitted to ctl@uregina.ca.