

# OER Course Incentive - **Adopt/Adapt** Proposal Form

Please complete the form to apply for an incentive grant to adopt or adapt Open Educational Resources (OER) for one of your courses.

The adopt/adapt grant will happen twice a year. The grant requires that you implement your new, open course materials during one of the following two semesters (i.e., grant application is for spring 2025, implementation would be fall 2025 or spring 2026).

You can find more information about the available incentives on the [UMB OER web page](#).

If you are interested in applying for an incentive to create OER, [please use our other form](#).

Have questions? Register for the virtual [UMass Boston OER Faculty Incentive Grant Info Session](#) on February 19.

Applicants will be notified of their status by May 1, 2025.

If you have questions, please contact [open@umb.edu](mailto:open@umb.edu)

1. First name
2. Last name
3. What name would you like us to use?
4. UMB email address
5. Personal email address (to be used only if your employment status changes during the grant period and you do not have access to UMB email)

## **6. What is your teaching status?**

- Tenured
- Tenure Track
- Non-Tenure Track Instructor
- Academic Staff (must be teaching)

## **7. Please choose your College/Department**

[choose from the dropdown menu]

**8. Course details**

- Course Number (e.g. *EDC U 310*)
- Course Title (e.g. *Technology and Education*)
- Number of Sections
- Total number of students (across all course sections)

**9. Current course material(s) (e.g. textbooks) that you would like to replace:**

- Textbook Title (required)
- Textbook Cost (required)
- Textbook Title (optional)
- Textbook Cost (optional)
- Additional materials and cost (optional)
- Link to bookstore showing book price (optional)

**10. Please upload the course syllabus as a PDF for the course you want to to change by selecting new, open materials:**

[box for uploading]

**11. Please select the OER option that you are proposing:**

- Adopt - Use an existing OER (as-is) to replace high-cost materials
- Adapt - Modify an existing OER, combine multiple OERs, and/or add original open content to an OER based on the needs of your course.
- I have not thought about this yet

**12. Have you decided on a textbook or course materials that you plan to adopt, or adapt?**

- Yes
- No
- I have not decided yet

**13. If yes, let us know which textbook or course materials you plan to adopt.**

**Open textbook examples can be found on the OpenStax website:**

**<https://openstax.org/subjects>.**

- Course Material #1
- Course Material #2
- Course Material #3

**14. When do you anticipate that you will be able to implement your new open course material?**

- Fall 2025
- Spring 2026
- Not sure (please feel free to tell us more in the text box below)

**15. What kind of support will you need from Healey Library?**

- Working with librarians to find OER and/or openly licensed material
- None
- Not sure (feel free to tell us more in the text box below) [open text box]

**16. What specific OER and/or openly-licensed replacement materials do you most need to find? What specific sections of your textbook or syllabus would you like Healey Library to review in order to find replacement materials?**

[open text box]

**17. What kind of support will you need from Learning Design Services?**

- Working with instructional designers on integrating OER content into your course (e.g. presentations, exams, assignments)
- None
- Not Sure (feel free to tell us more in the text box below) [open text box]

**18. If awarded this grant, you will be required to write a brief report at the end of the grant cycle to assess the effectiveness of your OER course material. Please tell us which of these options you might use (check all that apply):**

- Test Scores
- Course Evaluations
- Other (please describe) [open text box]

**19. Accepted OER grantees are required to attend a half-day in-person workshop. Are you willing to commit to attending the workshop in person? See potential dates in the next question.**

- Yes
- No

**20. Potential in-person OER grantee workshop planning- please select all of the dates that you would be able to attend. We will choose the date that works for the majority of the group and send out calendar invites. Please check all that apply.**

- May 14, 2025 9am-1pm
- May 15, 2025 9am-1pm
- May 16, 2025 9am-1pm

**21. Accepted grantees are required to notify the UMB OER Working Group at [open@umb.edu](mailto:open@umb.edu) if there is a change to their employment status during the grant period. This includes course cancellation, retirement, or other situation (such as illness). Please confirm that you understand and will follow this requirement.**

- I agree

**22. If your grant proposal is accepted, would you be interested in participating in future UMB OER activities such as joining the OER Working Group, mentoring the next round of grantees, reviewing future grant applications, being highlighted on library social media or Healey Library blog, or filming a brief video during events like Open Education Week? Please check all that apply.**

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- other (please tell us more) [open text box]

**23. Please share any additional comments on your proposal.**

[open text box]

[End of application]