A dozen ways to
GET INVOLVED IN OER

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Open educational resources (OER) are teaching, learning, and research resources that make use of appropriate tools, such as open licensing, to permit their free reuse, continuous improvement, and re-purposing by others for educational purposes (UNESCO).

1 ## Become an OER Community Site member

The OER Community Site provides a space for Minnesota State faculty and staff to start and join discussions, find helpful resources, collaborate on files, locate Creative Commons experts, read OER news, and find quick start guides for common disciplines.

2 ## Attend an OEN Webinar

A great introduction to OER, Creative Commons licensing, and the Open Education Network (OEN). After the webinar, review an open textbook in the Open Textbook Library and receive a $200 stipend.

3 ## Ask questions at OER FAQ Webinars

Join a panel from the system office who will answer questions about OER, intellectual property, Creative Commons licenses, Z-degrees, and additional questions from attendees.

4 ## Join OER Community Conversations

Faculty and staff are invited to OER Community Conversations held twice per semester. Share, discuss, and learn from colleagues in the Minnesota State OER community. Conversations typically have a topic of interest and a guest speaker.

5 ## Get support to bring OER to your courses

OER Learning Circles are cohorts where colleagues from around the system can collaborate and support one another while they work to redesign a course around OER, create ancillary materials to supplement an existing open course resource, or to author an OER.

6 ## Search for or upload resources in Opendora

Opendora is the digital OER repository for Minnesota State faculty, staff, and librarians to load, access, and share licensed OER. Opendora allows the storage of or linking to course content including textbooks, lecture notes, syllabi, reading lists, and videos.

7 ## Ask your campus librarian

Campus librarians can assist faculty with finding resources and library-curated materials, which are diverse resources purchased by the library at no additional cost to the student that can also be used to supplement or replace course resources.

8 ## Learn more about Z-degrees

A Z-degree is an associate degree or bachelor's degree that have zero-cost course resources for students and is made up of courses that exclusively use zero-cost course resources such as OER, open textbooks, and library-curated materials.

9 ## Apply for Innovation Funding

Since 2016, Minnesota State Educational Innovations has hosted the Shark Tank Open, awarding faculty and staff from around the state funding to bring their innovative ideas to life through Innovation Funding grants. Consider applying for innovation funding focused on OER.

10 ## Attend professional development events

Librarian Workdays are available to Minnesota State librarians and library staff each year and are one way to learn more about OER. Look at what professional development events are being offered on your campus, or consider hosting your own events to bring more OER excitement to your colleagues and community.

11 ## Get a Creative Commons Certificate

The Creative Commons Certificate is an in-depth course about CC licenses, open practices and the ethos of the Commons. Each year the Minnesota State system office supports up to ten seats for the CC Certificate for Librarians or the CC Certificate for Educators.

12 ## Talk to your administration

Administrators on campuses can support lowering the cost of course resources for students by developing a culture of OER on their campus. This can be done in many ways such as supporting and promoting faculty to join OER faculty development events, starting a dialogue with students and faculty, or engaging in communities of practice.

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