



OpenStax Institutional Partnership Application

Our institutional partner and affiliate schools are forging institutional initiatives to encourage adoptions of OpenStax and other open resources to give students access to the learning materials they need to succeed.



“As a professor active in developing OERs and encouraging their use by others, being part of the OpenStax partnership was a wonderful opportunity to share ideas and learn more about how colleges and universities are supporting and encouraging the OER movement.”

Mark Kelland, Ph.D., Professor of Psychology
Lansing Community College

“The OpenStax institutional partnership builds your skills and knowledge from their organization’s years of experience as one of the earliest grassroots OER movers. Open with a capital O since 1999! They offer so much more than textbooks.”

Kathy Labadorf, Open Educational Resources, Information Literacy, and WGSS Librarian
University of Connecticut

“Our participation in the OpenStax Institutional Partner Program has allowed us to rapidly increase the number of students impacted by open educational resources at our college. The initial goal we set seemed daunting at first, but the excellent, structured support and access to a network of Institutional Partners sharing best practices allowed us to increase our number of OpenStax adoptions from 3 to 15 in just one semester.”

Jennifer Kneafsey, Associate Professor of Biology
Tulsa Community College

OpenStax Institutional Partnership Program

Rice University's OpenStax is excited to announce the next round of applications for our Institutional Partnership Program, designed to provide you with guidance to greatly increase the use of open educational resources on your campus through a structured strategic plan and a community of peers. This program is for institutions ready to make an impact on campus by utilizing OER to drive student success, retention, and completion.

Cost

Provided for free thanks to a generous grant funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation (valued at \$20,000)

Timeline

Applications due June 1
Selected partners will be notified by June 15
Program begins July 12

What you'll get (first 12 months in program)

- Individualized consulting on your OER effort and strategies
 - This year's institutional partner schools have already increased the amount of students using OER by 55%. That means 18,000 more students are saving an additional \$1.7 million dollars this year!
 - Development of a customized strategic plan to increase use of OER at your institution
- A community of support through a cohort of other institutions who have joined the program
 - Monthly calls with all other institutions in the program and with Rice University's OpenStax to celebrate wins, discuss challenges, ask questions, and provide support and guidance
 - Immediate access to other partner institutions via a Listserv
- Up to 10 hours of dedicated tech support for utilizing, editing, or adding to a derivative version of OpenStax books or content from OpenStax CNX
- At least one campus visit by an OpenStax representative*
- Up to three webinars on OpenStax, OER, and/or Rice University's role in OER for your institution per year
- Monthly reports from OpenStax about new use and interest from faculty at your institution
- Press release template for you to generate publicity for your institution
- Inclusion on the OpenStax website, presentations, and more as a partner school

*Optional. Travel fees paid by institution

What you'll get (after first 12 months in program)

- Individualized consulting on your OER effort and strategies
- Continual participation in Listserv discussions
- Campus visits as requested*
- Up to three webinars on OpenStax, OER, and/or Rice University's role in OER for your institution per year
- Monthly reports from OpenStax about new use and interest from faculty at your institution
- Inclusion on the OpenStax website, presentations, and more as a partner school

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Requirements

- Have a minimum of one professor using an OpenStax book at your campus
- Have at least one institutional representative attend the online kick-off meeting on July 12 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CST
- Commit to the activities listed as part of the first year of the partnership program
- Have one institutional representative participate in at least 75% of the monthly calls, usually held on the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. CT
- Work with an OpenStax representative to develop and execute a strategic plan to increase use of OER at your institution
- Be willing and able to disseminate information about OpenStax and other OER at your institution
- Update OpenStax regularly on the number of faculty and students using OpenStax resources as well as general OER feedback and progress
- Give permission to Rice University's OpenStax to feature your logo as a partner or affiliate during public presentations, in news releases, and on the OpenStax website (openstax.org/impact)
- Demonstrate yearly increases in the number of OER adoptions and/or students using OER materials at your campus
- While not required for the program, it is strongly encouraged that you budget at least \$5,000 for print copies of OER books, OER events, bringing in external speakers, etc. to further your initiative

For a full list of our current institutional partners, view the last page of this application.

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Participants will be selected based on the potential number of students affected and the participant's demonstrated readiness to make an impact at their school.

Contact information

First name _____ Last name _____

Department _____

School name _____

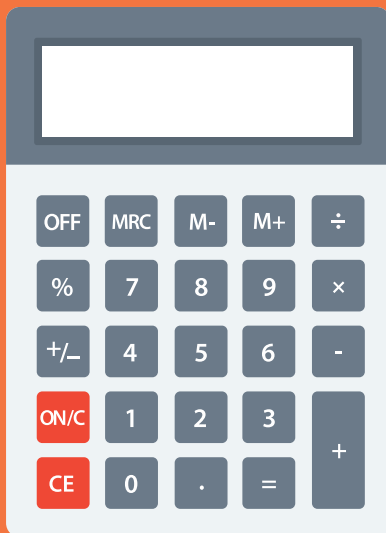
School URL _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Calculate your potential student savings

Did you know that with OER, including OpenStax, you could impact more than 25% of your student population? And the number is much higher if you include other OER!



Total **duplicated*** headcount enrollment (2016-2017 academic year preferred):

What's 25% of that number?

What's the above number times \$98.57 (average textbook price)?

That's how much your students could save each year by using OER!

*Duplicated headcount is the total seat count. Students may be enrolled in more than one class and would therefore be counted in each class.

Elements for successful OER implementation

Do you have a leader (one person) responsible for your OER initiative?

- Yes
 No

While a leader is important, we also encourage you to have a committee and/or dedicated support from a variety of departments. Which areas of your institution are involved in these efforts? Check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty | <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional training |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Faculty senate/union | <input type="checkbox"/> Libraries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senior leadership | <input type="checkbox"/> Bookstore |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Department chairs/deans | <input type="checkbox"/> Student success |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional support | <input type="checkbox"/> Students |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please explain) _____ | |

What resources are dedicated to your OER effort? Check all that apply.

- One or more permanent full-time employees
 One or more permanent part-time employees
 Employees with temporary leave dedicated to work on OER
 Funding for events related to OER
 Funding to offer grants to adopt/adapt OER
 Funding to purchase print copies/create displays
 Other (please explain) _____

How many faculty (that you know of) at your institution are currently using OER?

How many students (that you know of) at your institution are currently using OER?

Are any of the above faculty willing to be “Textbook Heroes” (advocates) for your initiative?

Yes

No

If selected, does your institution agree to do the following?

- Have at least one institutional representative attend the online kick-off meeting on July 12 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. CST
- Dedicate necessary time and resources to utilize OER to drive student success, retention, and completion
- Commit to the activities listed as part of the first year of the partnership program
- Have one institutional representative participate in at least 75% of the monthly calls, usually held on the second Thursday of each month at 11 a.m. CT
- Work with an OpenStax representative to develop and implement a strategic plan to increase use of OER at your institution
 - As part of the OER strategic plan, you will be required to complete a minimum of eight approved activities to encourage the use of OER at your institution
- Disseminate information about OpenStax and other OER at your institution
- Update OpenStax regularly on the number of faculty and students using OpenStax resources as well as general OER feedback and progress
- Give permission to Rice University’s OpenStax to feature your logo as a partner or affiliate during public presentations, in news releases, and on the OpenStax website (openstax.org)
- Demonstrate yearly increases in the number of OER adoptions and/or students using OER materials at your campus

Yes

No

List your OER task force members

Please list the members of your OER task force who will be actively involved in implementing your strategic plan to increase OER use on your campus. Please also indicate the designated leader of your initiative.

Title	First Name	Last Name	Department

Letters of support

Please attach a minimum of two letters of support from representatives from your institution in .pdf format. One letter of support must be from a senior administrator at your institution who has responsibilities for the institution at large (examples: chancellor, president, provost, academic affairs leadership).

Send your completed application with letters of support to Nicole Finkbeiner at nicolef@rice.edu.

Current institutional partners

