What can you do to reduce the cost of a UM education, innovate your teaching practices, and support student success?

Placing students at the center of all we do is a priority for UM. One way to advance this priority is to use open educational resources (OER), which reduce what students pay for textbooks and other course materials. Openly licensed and free to use by definition, OER can be offered at no cost and made available on Day One of the semester, providing students with more equitable and timely access to course materials and promoting student success.

Did you know that OER can also enable innovative teaching practices that result in improved student learning and engagement?

This brochure provides basic information about UM’s new OER@UMT Grant Initiative. Funded by the Mansfield Library, the Office of the Provost, and the School of Extended and Lifelong Learning, OER@UMT provides financial incentives to faculty to encourage them to learn about, review, adopt, adapt, or create OER. We invite all UM faculty to help reduce costs for students and focus on improving student success and learning.

Learn more:
OER@UMT Grant Initiative:
www.lib.umt.edu/oer/home
OER Library Guide:
libguides.lib.umt.edu/oer
Questions? Email:
oer@mso.umt.edu
Tips for reducing textbook costs and supporting student success with open pedagogy

Explore OER and open pedagogy

- Open Pedagogy Notebook: openpedagogy.org
- OER-Enabled Pedagogy: openedgroup.org/oer-enabled-pedagogy
- Faculty: Pedagogy and OER: oeconsortium.org/info-center/topic/pedagogy-and-oer/
- 7 Things You Should Know About Open Education: Practices: library.educause.edu/resources/2018/7/7-things-you-should-know-about-open-education-practices

Learn about & review OER

- Learn about OER by reviewing existing OER. There are several places to find high-quality OER on a topic that you teach. Start with an open textbook repository: libguides.lib.umt.edu/oer/resources
- Or find a resource by discipline: libguides.lib.umt.edu/oer/disciplines
- Apply for an OER@UMT Review Grant, evaluate the OER, and submit your written review. Learn more and apply at: www.lib.umt.edu/oer/review-grant

Adopt, adapt, or create OER

- Have you already identified OER that you’d like to use in your course? Are you interested in creating OER that you and other faculty could use?
- Apply for an OER@UMT Adopt, Adapt, Create Grant. Learn more and apply at: www.lib.umt.edu/oer/oer-grant
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