



## WASHINGTON OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES GRANT PILOT PROGRAM

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### PROJECT TITLE

*Increasing College Affordability with OER Adoption at Western Washington University*

### PROJECT OVERVIEW

This project will reduce the cost of curriculum materials and textbooks for students by expanding an existing and successful incentive program. The program provides stipends, research, design, and technical support to selected faculty.

Led by the Academic Technology Department, the project will build on WWU's successful summer workshops that coached faculty on Open Educational Resources (OER) adoption and development techniques and resources. Faculty will receive stipend support to attend a series of professional development workshops led by a team of instructional designers, instructional technologists and university librarians with expertise in OER. Following the workshop series, the team will continue its support of faculty participants throughout the adoption of course materials into course curriculum.

The project will employ a graduate student to provide additional research support to faculty and allow WWU to expand interest in OER beyond the faculty participating in the program.

### ANNUAL COURSE MATERIALS SAVINGS

WWU estimates an initial \$272,139 in course material savings to students during its rollout of the new OER materials during the 2019-2020 academic year and anticipates 2,025 students will be positively impacted.

### ANTICIPATED ACTIVITIES

#### Faculty Workshops – Summer 2019

Faculty for these courses will be awarded a stipend in exchange for participating in a series of professional development workshops supporting the adoption of OER. Workshops will be led by a team of instructional designers, instructional technologists, and university librarians with

expertise in OER and related topics. At the conclusion of the workshop series, faculty will carry out an adoption plan to use free and low-cost textbook alternatives, beginning in the 2019-2020 academic year.

#### Continuing Faculty Support

Following the workshop series, this same team of designers and librarians will continue to provide support to faculty and will do so throughout the implementation of the new curriculum materials.

#### **COURSES AND STUDENTS IMPACTED**

WWU identified five courses with 51 course sections where the adoption of OER would return substantial cost savings to students and where faculty have shown an interest in adopting OER. The courses are broadly representative of the curriculum taught at WWU to include English, Music, Political Science, Computer Science and Management at both lower and upper division levels.

<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Annual Student Enrollments*</b>
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#### **College of Business and Economics**

MGMT 311	Intro to Management & Organizational Behavior	600
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#### **College of Fine and Performing Arts**

MUS 105	Pop and Rock Music Survey	680
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#### **College of Humanities and Social Sciences**

ENG 302	Intro to Technical & Professional Writing	420
PLSC 261	Intro to Political Theory	175

#### **College of Science and Engineering**

CSCI 145	Computer Programming & Linear Data Structures	150
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<b>Total estimated number of students impacted annually</b>	<b>2,025</b>
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\*Estimated annual student enrollments for 2019-2020 academic year. Subject to change based on actual enrollment.