

Shared Online Projects Initiative (SOPi) – Carleton University, University of Ottawa, and Queen’s University

Call for Participation

About

In response to planning for the Fall 2020 academic term in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to establish innovative cross-institutional collaboration with a focus on improving student learning, Carleton University, University of Ottawa, and Queen’s University are pleased to announce the Shared Online Projects Initiative (SOPi). The goal of the initiative is to encourage instructors to join their efforts in developing online modules and/or courses that can be shared, adopted, adapted, and reused at one of the participating institutions. The initiative will increase institutional flexibility in online course and program delivery, allow instructors to engage in collaborative pedagogical innovations, and provide a high quality learning experiences for students at the three participating institutions.

Requirements

Courses developed through this initiative would be offered at all three universities in the Fall 2020 academic term. While grant recipients will retain intellectual property rights over any online modules/course developed, they will agree to release their projects with an open licence, such as a Creative Commons licence (CC BY or CC BY-NC), which allows the other two institutions to freely retain, copy, modify, remix, and/or redistribute the content.

Eligibility

Full and part-time faculty members, instructors, adjunct term faculty, and contract instructors are eligible.

We are seeking proposals from a variety of disciplines. Individual and collaborative projects across the 3 institutions are encouraged. Although not exclusive, proposal for large undergraduate courses would be a plus.

Award

Monetary award for online modules/course development

The grant through this initiative provides funding of up to \$8,000 per instructor for the development of online modules and/or course development. If an instructor requires additional funding for technological supplies, please inquire within your home institution.

Non-monetary award for online modules/course development

In addition to a monetary award, grant recipients will receive support from instructional designers, educational technologists, and librarians from the participating institutions during the design and development phase of their online projects.

Each of the participating universities will provide in-kind contributions for accessibility and bilingualism requirements for online modules and courses developed through this initiative.

Teaching Online Courses Developed through the Shared Project Initiative

Each of the grant recipients who will teach or co-teach these newly developed online courses in the Fall 2020 academic term, will be paid according to the existing pay rules, regulations, and collective agreements of their home institutions.

Proposal Process

Proposals need to be submitted to viceprovost-acad@uottawa.ca no later than **time** on **date**, 2020.

Successful proposals will be notified by **date**.

Proposals should be up to 2 pages long and include the following elements:

- Title, level, description of a course, and approximate number of enrolled students in the last academic year.
- Names and contact information of all instructors in collaborative projects, with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for each of the collaborators.
- Timelines for project development, having in mind that all projects will have reduced development times (“course express model”) as compared with a usual, regular new online course development.