Open education in Canada 2015

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Online Program Development Fund 2003 – 2011

$9.5M CA in grants
144 grants awarded
100% participation
83% partnerships
Ontario’s Shared Online Course Fund 2014-2015

In early October, the Ministry for Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) announced a call for applications to the Ontario’s Shared Online Course Fund 2014-2015, which will provide institutions for up to $75,000 per course or module to:

- design and develop new online courses;
- redevelop existing online courses; or
- develop learning modules that may or may not form a complete course, and that may be usable as elements of hybrid
Campus Alberta – Funding for Postsecondary to revise, add enhancements to or create OERS

### Campus AB OER Projects

The Campus Alberta Open Educational Resources Initiative is happy to announce 15 successful grant projects! We look forward to providing feature stories and updates on these projects throughout the duration (April 2015 - Dec 2015).

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<td>Create an Alberta based digital beginner Spanish grammar and culture textbook built on existing OERs aimed at first year post-secondary students beginning their studies of the Spanish language.</td>
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<td>Course Redesign: Health and Community Development</td>
<td>Full revision of Health and Community Development course; replace the textbooks and required readings with OERs; and develop a new study guide, reading file, assignments and exams.</td>
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<td>Create an e-textbook: Creative Clinical Teaching in the Health Professions. It will replace costly print textbooks currently being used in one Athabasca University course.</td>
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<td>Create an OER occupational health and safety (OHS) textbook suitable for use at all Alberta PSEs.</td>
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<td>Physical Geography Course;</td>
<td>Create an online field course will provide convenient access to mobile technology-enhanced teaching for geographers, geology students, and others.</td>
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eTextbooks to Download

These resources are now available as a free eTextbook publication for parents to download to their computer and copy to their eReader or tablet. You can access any one or all of these packages to use with your children in a few clicks.

Language Arts Job Cards (Gr. 1-3)
https://oerknowledgecloud.com/

Athabasca University
The OER university is building a sustainable OER network among accredited educational institutions to provide access to the formal system with pathways to academic credit.
Summary

• A few “one–off” provincial and institutional projects at postsecondary level
• No federal initiatives
• Fewer K12 textbook projects
• Need for a seeding and sustaining an OER culture