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Dear Faculty,

The University of Hawai'i Community Colleges have joined the global Open Educational Resources (OER) movement to reduce textbook and learning material costs for students while still providing a quality education. In alignment with our campus' 2015-2021 Strategic Plan (II.G), many of you have already explored OER options in order to adopt or adapt existing materials. Some of you have already implemented OER in your classrooms. Some of you have discovered that there are not many existing OER options for your curriculum.

For those bold enough to take on the challenge to revamp or create new OER content, we have good news.

We are pleased to announce the second Kapi'olani Community College Open Educational Resource Creation Award, designed to recognize faculty who invest a significant amount of time and effort creating original content to use in place of their cost-bearing textbook.

Here is how it works. Turn in a proposal outlining your intentions for creating or modifying an OER textbook by July 5, 2019. A committee will review your proposals and notify the awardees. Materials for at least 10 weeks of instruction should be ready by March 27, 2020, to use in the fall 2020 semester (the rest of the materials can be finished summer 2020). To see the complete guidelines go to http://go.hawaii.edu/G68.

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