

Open Education

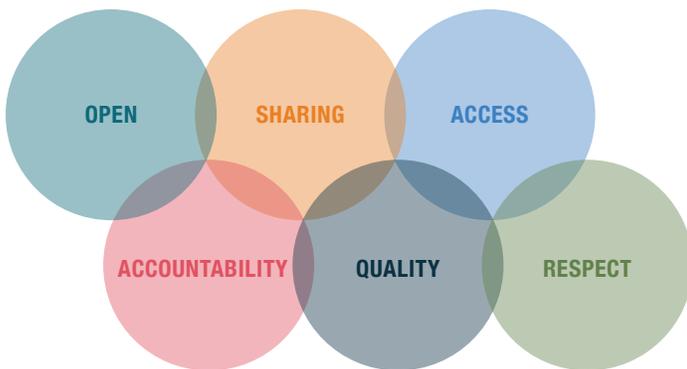
Purpose

We lead the development, use, growth, and sustainability of open education resources and practices in B.C. for post-secondary education and partners.

The 5Rs of Open

1. **Retain** – the right to make, own, and control copies of the content
2. **Reuse** – the right to reuse the content verbatim or in its unaltered form
3. **Revise** – the right to adapt the content itself
4. **Remix** – the right to combine the original or revised content with other content to create something new
5. **Redistribute** – the right to make and share copies of the original content, your revisions, or your remixes with others

Values



Strategic Priorities

- Save students money on textbook costs
- Increase flexible teaching and learning options for educators
- Continue to position B.C. as a leader in open educational practice, both nationally and internationally

Research At A Glance

54%

Do not purchase the required textbook

26%

Do not register for a specific course

30%

Will earn a lower grade

17%

Will drop or withdraw from a course

27%

Will take fewer courses

Jhangiani, R.S., & Jhangiani, S. (2017). [Investigating the perceptions, use and impact of open textbooks: A survey of post-secondary students in British Columbia.](#) *The International Review of Research in Open and Distributed Learning.*

Recent research demonstrates that over half of B.C. students (54%) do not purchase the required textbook and 26% choose not to register for a course because of textbook costs. If students cannot afford their course materials, their success is at risk.

Spending Costs

In a 2016 survey of about 1500 students from the University of British Columbia, nearly half of respondents (49%) said they spend at least \$500 on textbooks each year, and the mean reported cost per year for textbooks was \$620 (So & Doering, 2016).

How You Can Get Involved

1. **Adopt** – Use an open textbook or OER in your course
2. **Adapt** – Revise an open textbook or OER specific to your course learning outcomes
3. **Create** – Can't find an open textbook or OER to best fit your course? Create one!
4. **Connect** with BCcampus Open Education at open.bccampus.ca

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CURRENT PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

B.C. Open Textbook Collection

- There are 244 open textbooks in areas such as Arts, Sciences, and the Trades. Of these, 129 have ancillary resources.
- There are also 20 guides and toolkits available as support resources to enable adoption, adaptation, and creation of OER.

View the entire collection at: open.bccampus.ca

Open Education Grants

Each spring, BCcampus Open Education announces a call for proposals in areas such as:

- Open Educational Resource Grant: Curate, Customize, Create
- Open Educational Resource Grant: Sustainability
- Ancillary Resource Grant

open.bccampus.ca/call-for-proposals/

B.C.'s Zed Cred Programs

A Zed Cred/Z-Degree is a set of courses in a specific program area that allows a student to earn a credential, such as an associate degree or certificate program, with zero textbook costs by using open educational resources and/or free library materials. Zed Cred programs in place or in development in British Columbia include:

- KPU Certificate of Arts
- TRU Certificate of General Studies
- JIBC Law Enforcement Studies Diploma

Stay tuned at open.bccampus.ca for more grants related to Zed Creds.

2018/2019 Open Education Advocacy and Research Fellows

Our current fellows are:

- Florence Daddey, JIBC
- Steven Earle, TRU-OL
- Erin Fields, UBC
- Jonathan Verrett, UBC

Pressbooks Training Webinars

Pressbooks is an open source, online authoring and publishing platform used by BCcampus and post-secondary institutions in B.C. and beyond to create and adapt open textbooks. Register for an upcoming webinar:

open.bccampus.ca/pressbooks-training-webinar/

Stats as of September 14, 2018

Student savings	\$8,876,202.00 – \$9,285,318.00
Number of B.C. students using open textbooks	90,643
Number of B.C. institutions currently adopting	40
Top 5 adopting institutions (in order)	Kwantlen Polytechnic University, Langara College, University of British Columbia, Douglas College, Justice Institute of BC
Number of known B.C. faculty adopting	461
Number of known B.C. adoptions	2162

See our completed projects:

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See our in-progress projects:

open.bccampus.ca/projects-in-progress/

Awards for Excellence in Open Education

The Awards for Excellence in Open Education recognize outstanding contributions to the open education movement in British Columbia. These contributions may include significant leadership, OER development, research, or advocacy by faculty, students, support staff, or administrators at post-secondary institutions in B.C., or others who support the post-secondary system in B.C. Individuals or teams may be recognized. Nominate a deserving party here: open.bccampus.ca/call-for-nominations-awards-for-excellence-in-open-education/

To-date, the honourees include [Irwin DeVries](#), [Tara Robertson](#), [Christina Hendricks](#), [Tannis Morgan](#), [Inba Kehoe](#), [Grant Potter](#), and [Diane Purvey](#).

Review an Open Textbook

BCcampus is looking for qualified textbook reviewers. An honorarium of \$250 is provided to eligible individuals who complete a review — and permit its open publication — of a textbook in the [B.C. Open Textbook Collection](#). Apply at open.bccampus.ca/call-for-proposals/call-for-reviewers-2/