**Open Course Initiative Fund (OCIF)**

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**Objective:**

To develop new, massive open online courses that:

* Contribute to education community and broader public by sharing curriculum
* Explore a range of pedagogical approaches and open course platforms
* Leverage use of MOOC materials through integration into UofT degree program courses
* Showcase the University of Toronto’s capacity as a leading institution for teaching, learning and research

**Proposals**

* Proposals will be considered for the 2020-2021 academic year

**Criteria:**

* Funds are used for development of a new open online Course that will be available on a self-directed basis for a minimum of two years or offered as a session-based MOOC for a minimum of four offerings.
* Material can be reused in a course for registered University of Toronto students. For example, content and activities could be re-used in a credit online course or in an inverted classroom course model.
* Instructors participate in institutional research and evaluation activities

**OCIF Funding:**

* Up to $15,000 - per project (may be used to develop multiple course components as part of a series)
* The Office of the Dean in the relevant division may direct use of funding.
* Funding may be used to subsidize instructional design, media production, course building, RA support, technical staff and related support; or course buyout of instructor or hiring a co-instructor (in accordance with unit-level Workload Policy provisions)
* This funding is not expected to cover full cost of development and delivery of the open course/module(s). It is anticipated that divisional resourcing will cover the remaining costs, which may vary depending on the scope of the project and experience/expertise of the instructor.

**Expectations:**

* Course instructor will participate in initial consultation with Director of Online Learning Strategies and divisional leaders/experts.
* Division will form a design team including instructional design support, media technicians, RAs, liaison librarians, course builder, technical support and others as appropriate.
* Course instructor will participate in regular online course redesign team planning meetings as needed to ensure quality of course materials and instructional design.
* Course instructor will support institutional evaluation processes and support scholarly activity related to research on effective teaching and learning processes within the Open Course sphere.
* Courses will meet UofT standards with respect to branding.

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