

Introduction

In the 2024 "All Things OPEN" PLC group, participants embraced the group's title by exploring and thoroughly utilizing the open education-related partnerships and services provided by the UTA Libraries. For other faculty interested in learning more about open education, I created this graphic to help them determine how to get started.

I want to...

Your UTA Libraries Partners

- Access & Discovery
- Experiential Learning
- Open Educational Resources
- Open Partnerships & Services
- Special Collections & Archives

Transform the way I teach my course

Build experiential learning into your assignments

Experiential Learning projects give students an opportunity to practice hands-on learning and incorporate reflection as an important part of the learning process. The Experiential Learning team helps faculty leverage the Libraries' spaces and resources, including the FabLab and Studios, in their courses.

The Experiential Learning Faculty Fellowship (ELFF) provides funding for faculty to partner with EL librarians on projects that include experiential or project-based learning components in curricula or assignments.

Find and reuse OER teaching materials

Open educational resources include not only student-focused learning materials but also instructor-facing teaching content. As you consider redesigning your course, you may choose to incorporate OER such as openly licensed assignments, rubrics, presentation slides, or even whole courses. Also, consider applying an open license to the teaching materials you create to make them available for other instructors to reuse.

Incorporate special collections and archival materials

Primary source materials give students a unique perspective on topics from many disciplines. UTA Libraries Special Collections houses materials on varied topics including Texas and university history, cartography, and Texas labor unions, as well as the photo archives of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

The Faculty Teaching in the Archives (FTIA) Grant provides funding for faculty who want to use materials from the Special Collections to design innovative primary source assignments and projects for students.

Share my and my students' work

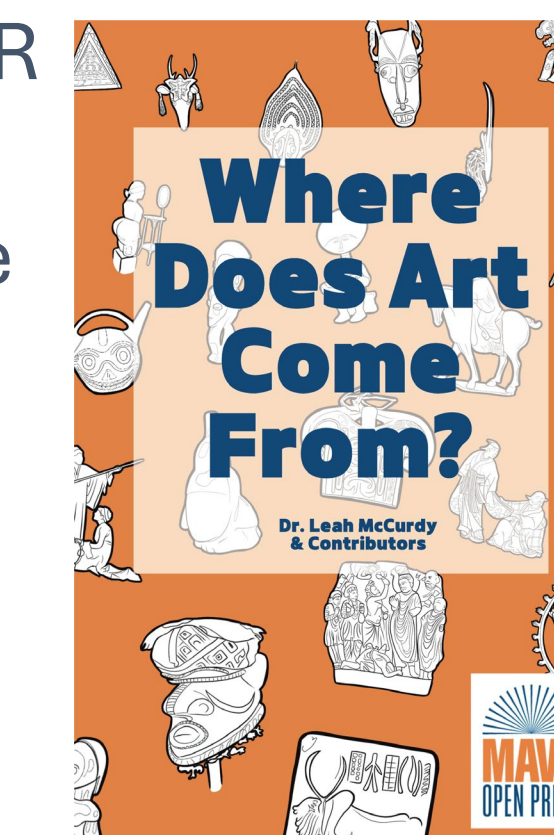
Deposit content in the MavMatrix repository

UTA's new online institutional repository and archival hub, launched this week, will be the new home for open-access publications by UTA researchers, as well as digitized archival materials from UTA Libraries' Special Collections. The repository also houses electronic theses and dissertations. Sharing student work here gives them a permalink for their resumes.

The Open Initiatives Grant provides funding in two areas for projects not covered by other Libraries grants: covering the cost of Article or Book Processing Charges for open-access publications and supporting teaching and learning projects with open outcomes.

Author an open-access book with Mavs Open Press

UTA faculty can create their own open-access books at no cost in Pressbooks with Mavs Open Press. OER in Pressbooks can include multimedia and interactive H5P content, and all MOP books are published with an ISBN and made available in repositories across the Internet.



Edit an open-access journal with Mavs Open Press

Mavs Open Press offers no-cost services for scholars who wish to publish a new open-access journal or for those who would like to convert an existing print journal that has traditional copyright. Some faculty have chosen to publish student assignments in journal format instead of as a book.



Publish research in open-access journals

UTA Libraries participate in various agreements that provide discounted or fully covered Article Processing Charges for research submitted to specific publishers. Publishers with which UTA scholars have their APCs fully covered include SAGE, Institute of Physics (IOP), Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), and the Royal Society of London.



Customize my course materials

Adopt or create open educational resources

Selecting the best and most appropriate materials for your course is essential. When a commercial textbook does not meet your needs, OER may be the solution. OER are free to access and licensed to allow for sharing and editing. Start by searching OER repositories and see if you can adopt existing resources into your course. If nothing exactly meets your needs, you can modify, supplement, or combine OER to create your ideal customized course materials.

The UTA CARES Grant provides funding to support faculty members looking to adopt or create affordable course materials. Grant categories include Adoption Stipends, Modification Grants, and Creation Grants.

Place required materials on course reserves

OER is not always your best option for course materials. If your required course readings are not free for students, you can place items on course reserves to make accessing them more affordable. Reserves can be print or digital and may include materials owned by the Libraries or personal copies.

Publish student assignments and teaching outcomes



Scan for more information on funding opportunities from UTA Libraries