OER Innovation Mini-Grant Initiative
Proposals Due April 1, 2019

What are Open Educational Resources (OER)?
Open Educational Resources are education materials that are either licensed under an open copyright license, typically Creative Commons, or are in the public domain, such as Project Gutenberg. Various instances of OER can include textbooks, videos, simulations, assessments, lecture notes, and full courses.

A Creative Commons license allows users free access to:
- Revise: to better meet instructional needs
- Reuse: the original or revised version of instructional content
- Remix: combine it with other materials
- Redistribute: create and distribute self-made or amended copies of Creative Commons materials.

For more information and examples, see the MCC OER LibGuide at
https://middlesexcc.libguides.com/AuthorOER.

Apply for OER Innovation Grants:
Middlesex County College's successful proposal for the New Jersey Community College Opportunity Grant includes funding for faculty stipends for projects that address the college priorities listed below:
1. Curating Open Educational Resource (OER) materials (evaluating and selecting OER content as the primary course textbook or supplemental materials): $250-$500 depending on the scope of the project.
2. Developing original, high quality OER materials: $500-$1000 depending on the scope of the project.
3. Maintaining OER materials that faculty have already developed at MCC: $500.
4. Developing Digital Toolkits: $500-$1000 depending on the project.
   Digital toolkits will provide faculty resources (detailed course outlines, interactive activities, Canvas-based support materials) for key courses with the goal of promoting learning engagement in a) high enrolled courses with low rates of successful completion; or b) courses that are heavily taught by adjuncts.

The Library and eLearning staff can provide technical assistance, Creative Common license expertise, and content coordination. All materials that faculty curate or develop through the mini-grant initiative must be freely available for full-time and adjunct faculty to use and repurpose (under Creative Commons licensing). All materials developed through a mini-grant award are subject to adoption under AFT Agreement Article III.S.

Applications are due by April 1, 2019. Successful applicants will be notified by April 15, 2019.

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I.   **Faculty member and discipline(s)/field(s) of study involved.**

II.   **Amount Requested.**

III.   **Proposed Project:** For what course(s) will the materials be used? What is the approximate number of students impacted? Please note if there is a cost savings to students.

IV.   **Proposed plan of action (work must be completed by August 2019).**

V.   **Deliverable final product(s).**

VI.   **A plan for assessing the impact of this project on students, one or more courses, one or more programs, and/or the College.**

VII.   **Prior innovative effort by the applicant(s) that lays the groundwork for the proposed project and justifies stipend.**

VIII.   **Endorsement by Department Chair and Dean.**