

Nebraska

MIDWEST OER SUMMIT – JANUARY 2024

OVERVIEW

Statewide MHEC Support: \$4,000 for a 3-year agreement to add access for NE higher education institutions to the Nebraska OER Commons Hub (<https://oercommons.org/hubs/nebraska>), the setup for 10 groups on the Hub, and training for faculty/librarians/others on how to use the Hub.

University of Nebraska System: OER Seed Grant programs have been offered for several years across the Omaha, Lincoln, Omaha, and Kearney campuses:

OER Savings - NU System

UNL - \$2,951,355

UNO - \$6,481,502

UNK - \$1,348,500

UNMC - \$972,500

Total - \$11,753,857

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

University of Nebraska (NU) System:

- An active Community of Practice with newly formed working groups focusing on outreach/events; policy and practice; and research.
- New cohesive branding coming soon for course marking system

Nebraska Wesleyan University:

- Advertised and advised on first-year open pedagogy projects
- Sessions in upper-level courses re: open materials
- New guides on OER and Open Access scholarship.

NEXT BIG THINGS

Statewide: Nebraska OER Commons Hub

NU System:

- Improve course marking timeline and process to ensure courses are marked before enrollment.
- Develop promotion/outreach/communication plan for students and academic advising re: course marking and OER

Consider and investigate messaging/connection with state government. How could this benefit our work and our students?

WAYS MHEC CAN HELP

- Connecting various people, institutions in the state to develop a catalog of NE-created OER content. (The new higher ed OER hubs could connect to/support this.)
- Advocacy support for various audiences.
- Help connect smaller higher ed institutions and create community for those doing OER work.

