

# Career and AI Readiness while Remixing Open Textbooks through an Equity Lens (CA-ROTEL) Call for Faculty Interest Apply for a \$2,500 stipend!

## *Transforming General Education: AI, Career Readiness, and Engaged Learning*

The CA-ROTEL project is offering stipends to faculty teaching courses at UMass Lowell, Framingham State University, and Northern Essex Community College to adopt existing Open Educational Resources (OER) and create new ancillary materials for general education courses. This project focuses on integrating artificial intelligence (AI), enhancing career readiness skills, and promoting student engagement, priority will be given to high enrollment courses; however, many lower enrollment courses will be supported.

### Statewide Educational Innovation

- ✦ **Adopt** existing OER textbooks and create new ancillary resources (e.g., assignments, quizzes, activities, videos).
- ✦ **Integrate** AI tools and cutting-edge technologies to engage students and prepare them for the future.
- ✦ **Enhance** teaching and learning practices by embedding career readiness skills into the curriculum.
- ✦ **Encourage** engagement with course materials.
- ✦ **Make** college more accessible and affordable for **ALL** Massachusetts college students.

### Faculty Support

- ✦ **Collaborative Opportunities** to work with other innovative faculty in a team-based approach during the Summer Blitz to adopt existing OER and create ancillary materials.
- ✦ **Comprehensive Support Teams** specialized in adapting OER materials and creating ancillary resources, as well as AI integration and career readiness through targeted assistance to faculty.
- ✦ **Production Teams** dedicated to helping faculty adapt or develop course materials and ancillaries using best practices. Their efforts focus on delivering high-quality resources designed to enhance student engagement and promote academic success.

### Who Should Apply? Faculty who are:

- ✦ Currently teaching GenEd or Core Curriculum courses (priority will be given to multiple sections of high enrollment courses)
- ✦ Committed to innovative educational approaches.
- ✦ Interested in developing state-of-the-art learning resources.
- ✦ Passionate about student success.
- ✦ Faculty Teams are encouraged to apply.
- ✦ No prior experience with OER or AI needed!

### By participating in this project, you will:

- ✦ **Receive** competitive stipends for course material development and training.
- ✦ **Attend** a Summer Institute @ UMass Lowell on June 2 – 4, 2026.
- ✦ **Adopt** existing OER and your newly created ancillary materials in your course for at least one year.
- ✦ **Share** your work openly with a Creative Commons Attribution open license.

### Ready to Apply? [Online Application Form](#)



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