



Academy/JISC Grant Funding

Higher Education Academy/JISC Open Educational Resources Programme Phase 2: Strand B(ii): Call for OER Case Studies

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To: Heads of Higher Education Institutions funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England

Heads of Further Education Institutions in England which teach higher education to more than 400 FTEs

Of Interest Pro Vice Chancellors for (e)Learning

To: Learning Technologists
Heads of e-Learning and ILT Managers

Introduction

1. The Joint Information Systems Committee¹ (JISC) and the Higher Education Academy² are offering ten £1,000 awards for insightful, reflective case studies into the use of open educational resources OER for learning and teaching.

Programme/ Initiative	Theme / Context	Description	Funds
OER phase 2 (Bii)	Case studies into the use of OER for learning and teaching	Awards offered for the 10 best case studies submitted under an open license.	£10,000 (10x £1,000 awards)

2. The deadline for receipt of proposals in response to this call is **12:00 noon UK time on Monday 1 November 2010. Bidders must use the attached case study template.**
3. Awards will be offered to those submitting the 10 best (as judged by an independent panel) complete case studies under an open licence.

Background

4. The Higher Education Academy and JISC are offering ten £1,000 awards for insightful, reflective case studies into the use of open educational resources OER for learning and teaching.

¹ Further information on JISC is available at: <http://www.jisc.ac.uk>

² Further information on the Academy is available at <http://www.heacademy.ac.uk>

5. We are gathering case studies in order to gain a fuller understanding into the way OERs are used in a variety of contexts including, but not limited to, the seminar room, lecture-theatre and Virtual Learning Environment to advance and support the learning experiences of students in Higher Education in England. We are particularly interested in how OER material from outside of an institution has been used within it.
6. Areas you may wish to reflect on include:
 - Effects on pedagogy and learning
 - Student/staff feedback
 - Effects on institutional processes
 - Legal/Licensing issues
 - Extent and nature of repurposing undertaken
 - Time/Financial impact
7. You should also reflect on what lessons can be drawn from your experiences.
8. These case studies should **not** concern the production or release of OER, but rather the use of OER in an educational setting.

Eligibility

9. This activity is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). We can therefore only make awards to staff based in HEFCE-funded Higher Education institutions, and in Further Education Colleges who deliver Higher Education to more than 400 FTEs. Staff outside of these institutions are very welcome to submit case studies, but we will not be able to offer an award.
10. All case studies should be licensed using any of the following creative commons licenses:³
 - CC0 (public domain)
 - CC-BY (attribution only)
 - CC-SA (attribution share-alike)
11. We aim to develop a body of evidence demonstrating the effects of OER in Higher Education, and to do this we need the maximum flexibility to use and reuse submissions (both those in receipt of an award and others).

Submission Requirements

12. Case Studies should use the JISC case-study template attached to this document. Please remember that you are asked to submit a completed case study, not an expression of interest or bid.
13. Within your case study, you should provide links to the OER materials that have been used (or a sample of these materials if the list becomes unwieldy) and a link to a publically-accessible description of the course in which OER has been used.

³ <http://creativecommons.org/about/licenses>

14. Where you choose to use images or other media within your submission, these must be licensed in a way compatible with the way the case study overall is licensed.
15. Ideally, submission should be of a link to a case study that is publically available, on a website, blog, or within a repository such as JorumOpen. However, you may also submit a copy of your case study as an email attachment which should be no more than 10 megabytes in size. We reserve the right to republish submissions under the conditions of the license applied.
16. Submission is via email only. Please send your link or document to OERCASESTUDIES@jisc.ac.uk. The deadline for submission is 12:00 noon UK time on Monday 1 November 2010 and case studies should adhere to the template provided.

Assessment

17. Case-studies will be assessed by an independent expert panel against the following criteria:
 - 1) How fundamental is the use of OER to the delivery of the course in question? What is the scale of the change that the use of OER has brought about?
 - 2) How much does the submission add to what is already known about the use of OER in Higher Education?⁴
 - 3) How well is the submission written, evidenced and presented?
 - 4) How potentially widely applicable is the case study? How much can be learnt from it by those new to OER use?
18. The panel will meet in November 2010 and award-holders will be notified before the end of December. We will also publish a list of award holders alongside links to their case-studies on the JISC website.

Further information

19. For further information, please contact David Kernohan (d.kernohan@jisc.ac.uk).

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⁴ see for example the JISC RePRODUCE programme:
<http://www.jisc.ac.uk/whatwedo/programmes/elearningcapital/reproduce.aspx>