

Graduate Assistantship in Open Educational Resources (Fall 2017 - Spring 2018)

Instructional Design and Educational Assessment (the IDEA Shop) seeks to hire two graduate assistants who will find and evaluate free, openly licensed educational resources (OER). These GAs will serve as ambassadors and consultants for such resources, working with departments, programs, and individual faculty to replace high-cost textbooks with high-quality OER.

While the IDEA Shop will provide extensive training and plentiful support, we seek self-starters who aren't shy about reaching out to unfamiliar faculty in multiple disciplines. Much as publishers' representatives knock on faculty members' doors to market texts for their courses, you'll be persuading faculty across the university to adopt free textbooks and other educational resources. The focus will be on lower-division, large-enrollment courses.

You will join a team with an ambitious goal: By 2023, 60% of lower-division courses will have materials costs of \$0 to \$50. If we meet this goal, we'll save Boise State's undergraduates tens of millions of dollars each year, increasing access to a college education and improving both retention and graduation rates.

Responsibilities include:

- working with the faculty advisor/supervisor and the IDEA Shop's team of instructional designers to identify high-quality OER. (15%)
- educating faculty about OER in their disciplines and persuading them to reduce textbook costs in lower-division courses. (75%)
- collaborating with undergraduate interns to build a digital repository of OER in Blackboard. (10%)

The ideal candidate will:

- be able to communicate with faculty in multiple disciplines.
- have an interdisciplinary, liberal arts background (science majors welcome!).
- be highly organized.
- have a base level of digital fluency—able to use Google Drive and willing to learn more about Blackboard.
- be passionate about increasing access to higher education.

How to apply

This is a one-year appointment with the possibility of renewal, depending on the availability of continued funding beyond this academic year. To qualify for a GAship, students are required to

be admitted to a graduate program, meet minimum registration requirements, and continue to make satisfactory progress toward a degree.

To apply, please send a letter of interest and a résumé or CV to Dr. Leslie Madsen-Brooks, director of the IDEA Shop, at lesliemadsen-brooks@boisestate.edu.

Applications will be considered immediately.