# Call for Concurrent Session Proposals

We invite members of Maryland post-secondary institutions to submit proposals for concurrent sessions as part of the *2023 Maryland OER Summit: Cultivating Agency through Open Educational Practices*.

**2023 Maryland OER Summit: Cultivating Agency through Open Educational Practices**
**Date:** Friday, December 1, 2023
**Time:** 8:30 am - 4:30 pm ET
**Location:** Salisbury University
*Special Networking Reception: Thursday, November 30, 6:00 - 7:30 pm*

\*\*\* All concurrent sessions will be held in person at SU\*\*\*

**About the Summit:**
This one-day summit will bring together educators, students, librarians, instructional designers, and administrators from across Maryland postsecondary institutions to explore the dynamic world of open pedagogy. From philosophical discussions about power in the classroom to practical strategies for implementing open educational practices, this event aims to foster a deeper understanding of the transformative potential of open education.

For the event, we are framing open pedagogy as an approach to teaching and learning that emphasizes the use of open educational resources (OER) and practices that foster equity, inclusion, collaboration, and innovation, with the goal of learners exercising agency as creators of knowledge and contributors to the wider world.

**Conference Theme:**
At the core of our conference theme is the question: What happens when students and their collaborators—peers, faculty, community members, librarians, and more—drive knowledge creation? We invite proposals that contribute to this conversation and showcase innovative approaches to open educational practices that empower learners to be active creators of knowledge and contributors to a more inclusive and equitable world.

**Session Formats:**
Concurrent sessions are 45 minutes long and will have the following formats:

- **"Lightning" Talks:** 15 min presentation, 5 min Q & A each, 2 presenters per 45-minute session. clustered by theme or topic. Propose one talk and we'll match you with another or join with a colleague to propose a set of two related 15-minute talks.

- **Panel Discussion:** 45-minute panels with 3-4 panelists speaking about a particular topic, issue, or instance of open pedagogy, Panel sessions will include at least 5 minutes for Q&A at the end and one panelist should plan on moderating the session.

- **Participatory Workshops:** 45-minute workshops that include a plan for participant interaction.

- **"Unconference" sessions:** 45-minute sessions with a format and facilitation of your choice.

**Who Should Submit Proposals:**
We encourage proposals from anyone (or group) engaged in open education and OER-enabled teaching and learning at Maryland postsecondary institutions, including educators, students, librarians, instructional designers, and administrators.

*NOTE: We strongly encourage proposals that meaningfully include students as session contributors and presenters/facilitators.*

**Selection Criteria:**
Final selection of proposals for the showcase will be based on ensuring a diversity of sessions from different institution types across Maryland (2-year, 4-year, public, independent) and from a variety of disciplines. Workshop submissions must include a plan for participant interaction.

**Submission Guidelines:**
Please submit your proposals via our submission form. You'll be asked to select your session type and to submit a brief abstract as well as learning outcomes.

**Important Dates:**
Proposal Submission Deadline: Monday, October 9, 2023
Presenter Notification: Monday, November 6, 2023
See our event page for registration and more information

Questions may be directed to most@usmd.edu

*The 2023 Maryland OER Summit is being hosted by Salisbury University and co-organized by SU and the Maryland Open Source Textbook initiative (M.O.S.T.). Salisbury University is a 2022 recipient of a M.O.S.T. institutional grant focused on building institutional capacity around open pedagogy, and their work will be featured at the convening.*