

# OER Collective Academic Authors Community of Practice Meeting No. 1

14 March 2023  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm (AEDT)

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# Acknowledgement of Country

# Before we get started

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- We will be recording this session and making it available after the event along with a summary of what we discussed and links to the documents mentioned.
- There will be time for questions at the end, however you are welcome to add questions to Slido throughout.
- We'll be using Slido throughout the presentation today to give you the opportunity to share thoughts, tips and resources.
  - Please use the Q&A function to pose questions in slido. Go to [slido.com](https://www.slido.com) and type in the code **#2023 763**
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# Overview

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# Academic Authors Community of Practice

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For Authors at participating CAUL Member institutions who are writing textbooks for the Collective Pressbooks platform, or who are actively involved in developing open textbooks for publication on a participating institution's own local Pressbooks instance.

**Focus** - Supporting authors to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to produce an open textbook.

**Who can join?** - Authors from participating institutions who are writing or contributing to a textbook.

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Presentations



# Orientation

*How to write it*



*Designed to guide authors and library staff through the basics of open textbook publishing in Australia*

*Where to write it*



*OER Collective instance of Pressbooks Platform*

# Grant timeline

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## 2023 – Second round

- Expressions of interest opened: 16 January 2023
- Expressions of interest close: 24 February 2023
- Recipients announced: 5 April 2023
- Invoiced requested: 17 May 2023
- Funds released (based on satisfactory progress update): As invoices received
- Minimum of first six chapters published: 31 December 2023

## 2022 – First round

- Expressions of interest opened: 31 March 2022
- Expressions of interest closed: 29 April 2022
- Recipients announced: 5 May 2022
- **Minimum of first four chapters published: 28 February 2023**

*Extension Request applications  
closed*

# Getting familiar with OER

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- Open educational resources (OER) are teaching, learning and research materials that are published under Creative Common licences.
- These licences specify how content can be used.
- OERs can include textbooks (called 'open textbooks'), curricula, syllabi, lecture notes, assignments, tests, projects, audio, video and software.



# Understanding Copyright

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- Copyright is the right to control how your creative material (including text, artistic works, music, computer programs, sound recordings and films) is used. In Australia, copyright law is contained in the *Copyright Act 1968*.
- In Australia, copyright protection is automatic. Your material is protected as soon as you put it into material form by writing, drawing, painting, sculpting, coding, filming or recording it.
- When open access publishing it is important to remember that the educational allowances available for the delivery of teaching and learning materials are not applicable.
- Before applying an open access licence it is important to gain an awareness about your institutional Intellectual Property Policy, particularly with regards the ownership of learning and teaching materials produced in-house and research output.

# Understanding Open Access Licences

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An open access licence is applied in addition to the existing copyright in an item and grants additional rights to access, re-use and redistribute a work with few or no restrictions.

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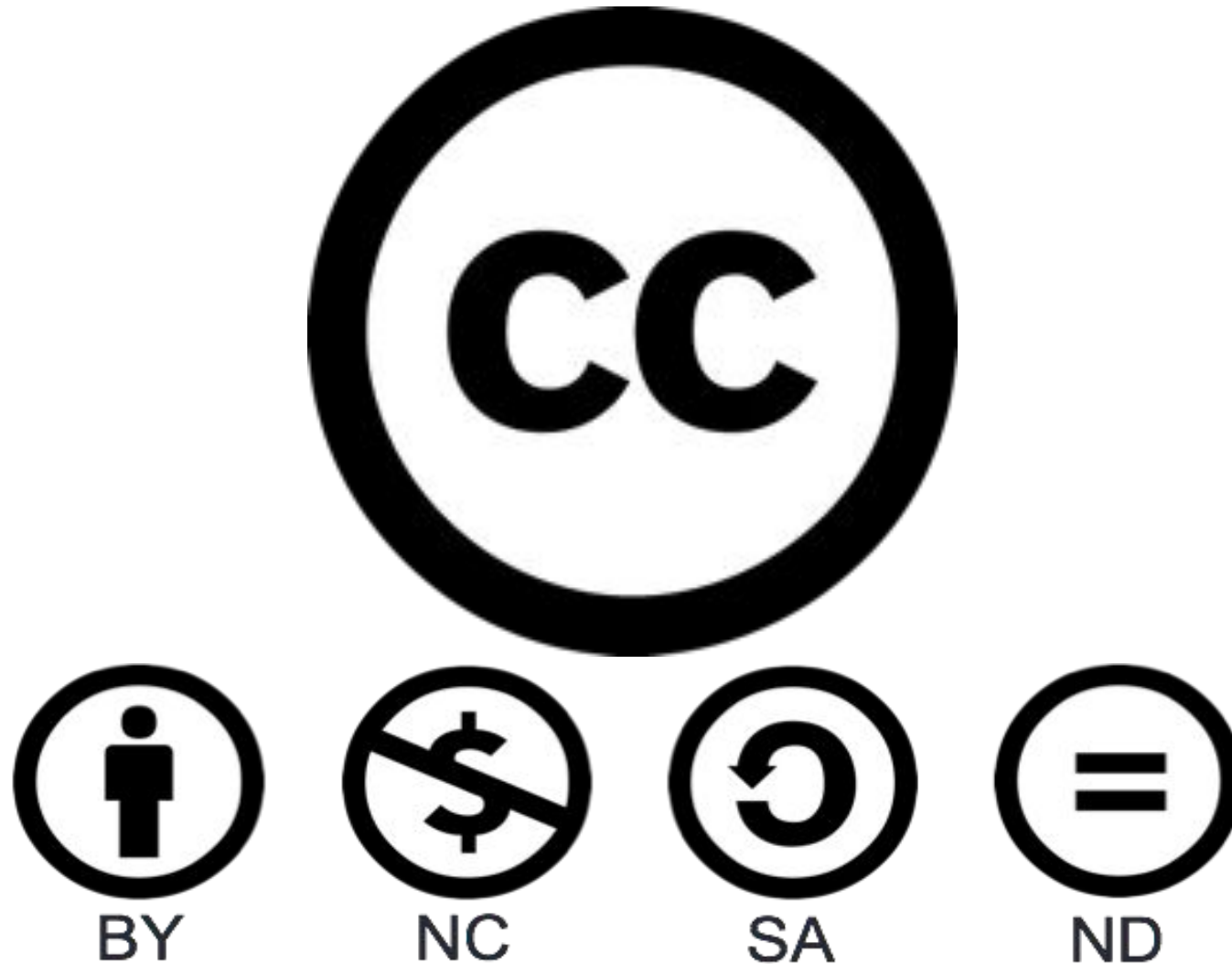
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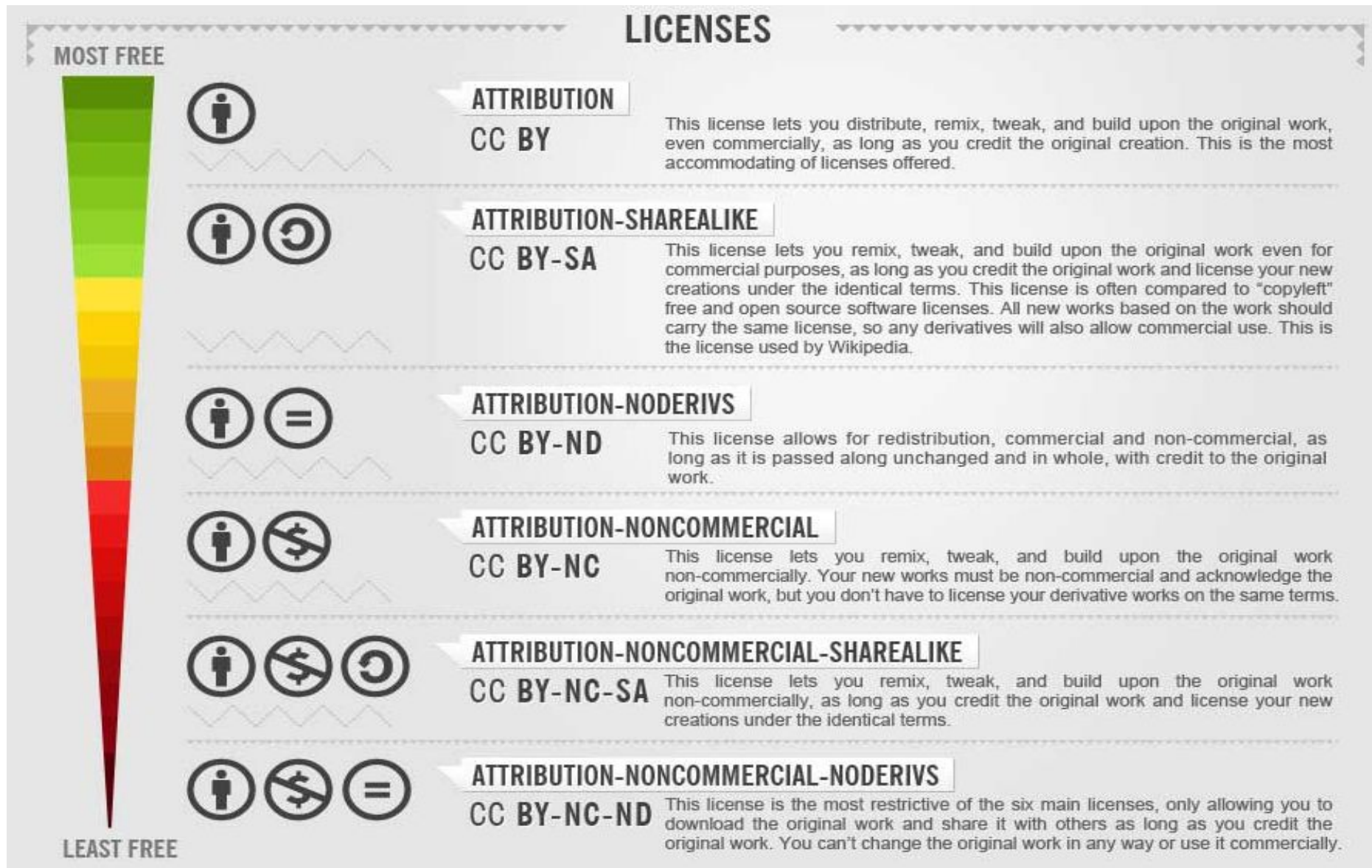
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 **Zero** – the creator hasn't placed any copyright restrictions on the work

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## Find Open Textbooks to Adopt or Adapt

If you're not sure how to find the right open textbook for your course, your Liaison or Discipline Librarian can help.

Below is a list of websites and online search tools you can use to get started.

## Search Large OER and Open Textbook Collections

### Mason OER Metafinder (MOM)

You can use this tool to search of 22 different sources of OER simultaneously in real time.

### Openly Available Sources Integrated Search (OASIS)

OASIS searches open content from over 100 different sources and contains over 400,000 records.

### Multimedia Educational Resource for Learning and Online Teaching (MERLOT)

MERLOT Smart Search provides access to over 97,000 learning resources, including the [MERLOT Collection](#). You can filter results by 'Has a Creative Commons license' to see only Creative Commons materials.

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# Collaborating with other authors

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- Tap into your own or colleagues' networks.
- Reach out to researchers of interest through social networks. such as Twitter, ResearchGate and LinkedIn.
- Send out a call for contributions from other authors via the CoP and your networks.
- Connect through the CAUL OER Collective.

# Participating Institutions 2023

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Australian Catholic University  
Bond University  
Charles Darwin University  
Charles Sturt University  
Curtin University  
Deakin University  
Edith Cowan University  
Federation University  
Flinders University  
Griffith University  
James Cook University  
La Trobe University  
Massey University  
Monash University  
Queensland University of Technology  
RMIT University  
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University of Queensland  
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University of Southern Queensland  
University of Technology Sydney  
University of the Sunshine Coast  
University of Waikato  
University of Western Australia  
Victoria University of Wellington  
Western Sydney University

# OER Benefits

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Steven Chang, Coordinator, Open Education and Scholarship at La Trobe University

See OER benefits – Free The Textbook by Steven Chang for Slides.

# 5 Tips For Academic Authors

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# Q & A

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# Contacts

## Communities of Practice

Academic Authors: [oeauthors@lists.caul.edu.au](mailto:oeauthors@lists.caul.edu.au)

Library Staff: [oe library@lists.caul.edu.au](mailto:oe library@lists.caul.edu.au)

Slack Channels: Collective Library Staff Community of Practice  
[Collective Academic Authors Community of Practice](#)

## Contacts at your institution

Key Institutional Contact: <https://caul.libguides.com/oer-collective-administration/contacts>

## CAUL

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