

PROPOSAL TITLE: Explorations: Second Edition, an Open Educational Resource for Anthropology and Grossmont Students

ABSTRACT:

Once you have finished answering the questions within the following application, please provide an abstract below summarizing the description of your sabbatical leave proposal in a paragraph of between 100-150 words. This abstract will become part of the Board Docket. Please include the following information as part of the abstract:

- **Need for the Professional Growth** - describe the purpose of the sabbatical leave.
- **Sabbatical Leave Activities** - describe what you plan to do.
- **Anticipated Outcomes** - describe the primary outcome; instructor and classroom teaching outcomes; professional/faculty relationship outcome; student outcomes.
- **Means of Measurement** - describe what evidence you will submit to demonstrate achievement of your outcomes.
- **Expected benefit to the students, department, college, district, and/or community**

During my proposed sabbatical leave, I would develop the second edition of *Explorations: An Open Invitation to Biological Anthropology*, a free widely adopted Open Educational Resources (OER) textbook. I will revise, edit, and update the first edition to create an enhanced textbook that responds to instructor needs, student feedback, and recent scientific discoveries. This project supports my professional growth as an instructor by improving my ability to engage students, and as an OER coordinator by improving my ability to mentor faculty interested in OER. The second edition will benefit hundreds of Grossmont students that take biological anthropology courses each semester, because OER (like *Explorations*) have been shown to facilitate student success and college completion, particularly among historically underserved populations. My project contributes to Grossmont's anthropology program, our students, and the Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) initiative. Upon completion, I will share the second edition, student outcome data, and OER development process.