

Textbook Affordability Small Grant Overview, 2017/2018



Overview	
Goal	To encourage and support adoption of low-or no-cost course materials in order to save students money.
Award	Faculty whose projects are selected will receive a \$500 grant to redesign a course and replace a commercial textbook with an open textbook that requires no modification; a \$1,000 grant to revise or remix an existing open textbook. Appropriate support to find, adopt, or adapt an existing open educational textbook or other education resources to replace a traditional, high-cost textbook will be provided by the Michael Schwartz Library, the Center for eLearning, and the Center for Instructional Technology and Distance Learning, and the Center for Faculty Excellence.
Requirements	Faculty awarded a grant will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the project by January 15, 2018 or alternative date to be approved by the grant committee. • Evaluate the impact on student learning at the end of the course • Provide a report to the sponsors at the end of the project • Be willing to share his/her experience with others through appropriate events or information channels • Choose a license for any materials authored using this award that will enable, at a minimum, CSU students and instructors to use them freely inside and outside of the course.
Criteria	Applications will be judged according to the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total dollars saved (price of current course material costs X enrollment) • Articulated plan to assess impact and quality of student learning • Feasibility that others might adopt for other sections • Sustainability (how possible it will be to continue to use the new material(s) over a sustained period of time)
Project Types	<p>Redesign your course to adopt an existing open textbook as is or use other open course content to replace a traditional, high-cost textbook with a free, low-cost, or open alternative. (Grant of \$500 will be awarded when project is half finished.)</p> <p>Revise/Remix/Adapt an existing open textbook or other open education resource (OER) and/or create new open content to bridge gaps in available resources. New content may add chapters to existing open textbooks or be used to create ancillaries such as quiz question banks, lecture slides, or lab manuals.</p> <p>Goal—to replace a traditional, high-cost textbook with an open textbook, articles, book excerpts, audio, or video that are open access or licensed through the Library. (Grant of \$1,000; half up front/remainder upon completion of project.)</p>
Sponsors	This grant is offered by the Michael Schwartz Library in collaboration with the Center for eLearning, Center for Instructional Technology and Distance Learning (CITDL), and the Center for Faculty Excellence.
Application Deadline	Completed application forms are due November 13, 2017.