

## Textbook Affordability Small Grant

Overview	
<b>Goal</b>	To encourage and support adoption of low-or no-cost course materials in order to save students money.
<b>Award</b>	Faculty whose projects are selected will receive a \$500 grant to 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, Student Government Association (SGA), and the Center for Instructional Technology and Distance Learning. Faculty who submit reviews of open textbooks to the Open Textbook Network will receive a \$200 stipend.
<b>Requirements</b>	Faculty awarded a grant will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the project by July 31, 2016 or alternative date to be approved by the grant committee.</li> <li>• Evaluate the impact on student learning at the end of the course</li> <li>• Provide a report to the sponsors at the end of the project</li> <li>• Be willing to share his/her experience with others through appropriate events or information channels</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
<b>Criteria</b>	Applications will be judged according to the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Total dollars saved (price of current course material costs X enrollment)</li> <li>• Articulated plan to assess impact and quality of student learning</li> <li>• Feasibility that others might adopt for other sections</li> <li>• Sustainability (how possible it will be to continue to use the new material(s) over a sustained period of time)</li> </ul>
<b>Project Types</b>	<p><b>Adopt:</b> Redesign your course to incorporate an existing open textbook <b>as is</b> or use other open course content to replace a traditional, high-cost textbook with a free, low-cost, or open alternative. (Grant of \$500; half up front/remainder upon completion of project.)</p> <p><b>Review:</b> an existing open textbook found in the <a href="https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/Ourbooks.aspx#">Open Textbook Library</a> at: <a href="https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/Ourbooks.aspx#">https://open.umn.edu/opentextbooks/Ourbooks.aspx#</a>. Receive a \$200 stipend upon submission of review.</p> <p><b>Revise/Remix/Adapt:</b> Remix an existing open textbook or other open education (OER) and/or create new open content to bridge gaps in available resources to enable a fully open course. New content may add missing chapters to existing open textbooks or create ancillaries such as quiz question banks, lecture slides, or lab manuals. 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>
<b>Sponsors</b>	This grant is offered in collaboration with Student Government Association (SGA), Center for Instructional Technology and Distance Learning (CITDL), Center for eLearning, and the Michael Schwartz Library.