

Transform Textbooks into Lower Cost Options Through ALG Grants

By UGA Center for Teaching and Learning

Affordable Learning Georgia now accepting proposals for this year's Textbook Transformation Grants.

Athens, GA., Aug 7, 2017 – Beginning in academic year 2014-2015, the State of Georgia has supported a University System of Georgia (USG) Initiative to provide grants for libraries, institutions, and faculty seeking to transform their textbooks and learning materials into more affordable options. The Affordable Learning Georgia initiative offers Textbook Transformation Grants to facilitate creation of Open Educational Resources (OER), as well as utilization of existing materials available in GALILEO and USG libraries. Two new rounds of funding (rounds ten and eleven) for the grants will occur in 2017, and a Request for Proposals (RFP) is now open.

For rounds ten and eleven, grants are available for transformation projects falling into three categories: No or Low-Cost-to-Students Learning Materials, Specific Core Curriculum Courses, and a new Mini-Grant category to aid with OER revisions and Ancillary Materials Creation. The maximum award is \$10,800 for standard-scale projects (courses with under 500 students), \$30,000 for large-scale projects (department-wide projects or individual courses with 500 or more students), and \$4,800 for the Mini-Grant category. Proposals will be evaluated on the feasibility of the action plan and adherence to proposal guidelines.

The deadline for round ten applications is September 29, 2017. Those applying for standard or large-scale transformation grants can do so through Georgia Tech's CompetitionSpace at: <https://gatech.infoready4.com/CompetitionSpace/#competitionDetail/1762037>. Mini-Grant applications must be submitted through a [Google Form](#).

"Open educational resources" (OERs) are teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an open copyright license that permits everyone to retain, reuse, revise, remix, and redistribute them. OERs include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, streaming videos, tests, journal articles, and any other tools or materials used to support learning. The University of Georgia is actively engaging in the promotion and adoption of OERs. UGA's [OER initiative](#) that began in 2013 will have saved UGA students almost **\$2.7 million** in textbook costs by the summer of 2017.

Further information regarding proposal guidelines can be found in the Request for Proposals (RFP) at: http://www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org/about/rfp_r1011. Questions should be directed to Jeff Gallant, Program Manager of Affordable Learning Georgia, at jeff.gallant@usg.edu.