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Affordable Course Materials Initiative

Making higher education more affordable for all students.

A Collaborative Approach to Textbook Costs

UCR's Affordable Course Materials Initiative (ACMI) is a partnership between UCR faculty, the Library, and Computing & Communications to alleviate the financial burden of textbooks on UCR students. Generously funded through the Student Technology Fee, this three-year project provides an incentive grant to course instructors who commit to bringing textbook and course reading costs for students in their classes to \$0. Since Fall 2015, this program has saved UCR students over an estimated \$1.5 million in textbook costs. In April 2018, the ACMI co-sponsored a workshop with [UCR's chapter of CALPIRG](#) on textbook affordability and access to education, where UCR students and faculty shared their perspectives and experiences on these issues. You can view the video [here](#).

Initiative Incentive Program

Three competitive awards of \$3000 for individual course instructors are available each quarter, and two \$6000 grants are available annually for departments who commit to adopting open educational resources for a sequence of courses. Applications for courses with large enrollments and expensive course texts will be prioritized, but any instructor may apply. Awards may be used for technology, equipment, and course-related costs ([a full list of restrictions is available](#)).

Successful grant recipients will be matched with a teaching librarian to assist in identifying appropriate open or library-licensed materials for the course. Undergraduate Education's Academic Engagement team will also be available to assist in integrating course materials via iLearn.

Ready to Apply?

Deadline for consideration for Spring Quarter 2019: Tuesday, January 22, 2019 at 5 p.m.

Notification of funding decisions for Spring Quarter 2019: By Friday, February 1, 2019

The application is now closed. Please note that this will be the final funding cycle for the current grant.

Questions or comments? Please contact [Dani Cook](#), UCR Library Director of Teaching & Learning.

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