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Help Lower Textbook Costs for Students

Are you an instructor who is concerned about the impact of high textbook costs on your students? Explore possible open textbook solutions by attending a two hour workshop and writing a short textbook review. Receive a \$200 stipend for your efforts!

Did You Know...

- The high cost of some course materials can impede students' academic success.
- The College Board estimates that the average undergraduate can budget \$1,220 - \$1,420 for textbooks and supplies in 2017–18.
- The cost of textbooks is rising at a rate of 4 times inflation.
- Seven out of 10 students don't purchase a required textbook during their academic career because of cost.
- 60% of students have delayed purchasing textbooks until they've received their financial aid.

Open Textbooks

Open textbooks can help alleviate the burden of textbook costs for students and provide faculty with content that can be customized for their course. Open textbooks are full, real textbooks, used by many faculty across the country, and licensed to be freely used, edited, and distributed.

What You Can Do

Attend the Open Textbook Workshop — a two-hour session where you can discover open textbooks in your field. After the workshop, you'll be asked to write a short review of an open textbook from the [Open Textbook Library](#). Your review will benefit other faculty considering open textbooks. You'll receive a \$200 stipend for your participation and written review.

What: Open Textbook Network Workshop

Where: XXX

When: XXX

Who: The workshop will be led by [David Ernst](#), creator of the University of Minnesota's [Open Textbook Library](#), and [Sarah Cohen](#), Managing Director of the Open Textbook Network.

Take 5 minutes **to apply** by DAYXXX, MONTH XX, TIME XX. Capacity is limited and open textbooks are not available for all subjects. Preference will be based on textbook subject area availability.

If you have questions about this workshop or open textbooks, please contact XXX, the Open Educational Resources Coordinator, at xxx-xxx-xxxx or xxx@email.edu. You can also visit the [insert website here] for more information about our open education initiatives.

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