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# **Application Summary**

**Competition Details** 

Competition Title: Textbook Transformation Grants, Round Fourteen (2019-2020)

Category: University System of Georgia

Award Cycle: Round 14

**Submission Deadline:** 04/09/2019 at 11:59 PM

# **Application Information**

Submitted By: Suzanne Ellenberger

**Appplication ID:** 3369 **Application Title:** 453

**Date Submitted:** 04/24/2019 at 2:32 PM

#### **Personal Details**

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Applicant First Name: Suzanne
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Primary Appointment Direct

Title:

Director of Freshman Chemistry and Lecturer

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## **Application Details**

#### **Proposal Title**

453

#### **Final Semester of Project**

Summer 2020

#### **Requested Amount of Funding**

\$30,000

#### Type of Grant

#### Gateways to Completion

#### Course Title(s)

Freshman Chemistry I and Freshman Chemistry II

#### Course Number(s)

CHEM 1211 and CHEM 1212

#### **Team Member 1 Name**

Suzanne Ellenberger

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#### **Team Member 2 Name**

Wayne Suggs

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#### **Sponsor Name**

Dr. Rahul Shrivastav

#### **Sponsor Title**

Vice President of Instruction

# **Sponsor Department**

Office of Instruction

### Original Required Commercial Materials (title, author, price)

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**Average Number of Students per Course Section Affected by Project in One Academic Year** 280

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**Total Number of Students Affected by Project in One Academic Year** 6,000

**Average Number of Students Affected per Summer Semester** 400

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Original Total Cost per Student

100

Post-Project Cost per Student

\$0-\$40 (depending on if Turning or WebAssign already purchased)

Post-Project Savings per Student

\$60-\$100

**Projected Total Annual Student Savings per Academic Year** \$400,000

**Using OpenStax Textbook?** 

Yes

**Project Goals** 

# NOTE FROM ADMINISTRATORS: This project is both a G2C and Scaling Up OER project. Applicants were unable to select both.

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#### **Delivery of Materials**

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#### **Quantitative & Qualitative Measures**

To ensure improvement of student outcomes in the proposed course redesign, a number of quantitative and qualitative measures will be tracked in the project. Baseline data from several semesters prior to use of the newly developed materials such as withdrawal rates, successful versus unsuccessful grade ratios will be tracked. This will be compared to the same data after the inception of the new course materials. Student learning outcomes will be quantitatively assessed through student performance on course assignments including homework, quizzes, exams; scores and national percentile rankings on the American Chemical Society Exams Institute final examination for both CHEM 1211 and 1212.

Student opinions and impressions are also important to monitor and understand the impact of the changes on student satisfaction. A survey will be produced and given to students at the end of each semester to anonymously assess student response regarding their opinion of the impact of the course on their technical skills and the appropriateness of the learning materials. To assure compliance in obtaining survey data, a small number of extra credit points will be given to students who participate.

#### **Timeline**

- § May 1: Kickoff meeting. The project will be described to the team members, and, teams and team leaders for the project components will be communicated with specific deadlines for the project components. There will be weekly check-ins for all of the team leaders. All team members will participate. Project Manager: Ellenberger
- § May 20: Kickoff Meeting, Middle Georgia State University Hatcher Conference Center. Ellenberger and at least one other team member will attend.
- § May June: Evaluate and revise, as needed, course outcomes and learning objectives for CHEM 1211 and 1212. All team members will participate; Team Leader: Caughran
- § May August: Complete the draft textbook revisions for CHEM 1211 and 1212. Caughran and Ellenberger
- § August December: Teach from the CHEM 1211 and 1212 OER textbook. Continuous discussions will ensue from the instructors regarding any necessary revisions, additions or deletions from the book. Team Leaders: Ellenberger and Caughran
- § May 2019 May 2020: Write questions for pre-lecture and post-lecture assignments; weekly quizzes; exams; case studies; and, worksheets for CHEM 1211 and 1212. All content will be written in simple text documents to facilitate the possible adoption to a different electronic engine in the future. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Gokal
- § May 2019 May 2020: Code the questions and instructional materials in WebAssign. Caughran, Du, Suggs. Team Leader: Suggs
- § May 2019 May 2020: Write questions for student response systems for CHEM 1211 and 1212. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Blankenship
- § May August: Create a draft survey for CHEM 1211 and 1212 to be given to other instructors to test is usefulness and clarity. Gokal, Du, Jackson, Blankenship. Team Leader: West
- § November-December: Draft survey data from GHEM 1211 and 1212 students will be collected and evaluated to determine if changes are needed. Gokal, Du, West, Blankenship. Team Leader: Jackson
- § January: Survey data for CHEM 1211 and 1212 will be presented to the entire team to be evaluated to determine if it meets the needs of the team. Gokal, Du, West, Blankenship. Team Leader: Jackson
- § January: Modifications will be made to the survey if necessary and the second draft or final survey for CHEM 1211 and 1212 will be given to other instructors or TA's to determine efficacy. Gokal, Du, Jackson, Blankenship. Team Leader: West
- § April: The survey for CHEM 1211 and 1212 will have been given to students using the new course materials and redesigned curriculum. Survey data will be collected, compiled and evaluated. Gokal, Du, West, Blankenship. Team Leader: Jackson
- § May: The project team will meet to debrief and evaluate the semester's use of the new materials and curriculum redesign and to evaluate the information gathered from the student surveys. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Ellenberger
- § January 2020 March 2020: Discuss and make necessary changes to the curriculum or course materials based on the debriefing and survey evaluation. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Ellenberger
- § January 2020 May 2020: Make any necessary changes to the textbook to produce a final version for use in the fall 2020 semester. All team members will participate. Team Leaders: Caughran and Ellenberger

#### **Budget**

Suzanne Ellenberger \$5000

Joel Caughran (12 month employee and is not eligible for summer support)

Wayne Suggs \$3600

Douglas Jackson \$3600

Sara Blankenship \$3600

Ana West \$3600

Wenjian Du \$3600

Rupa Gokal \$3600

Book Design/Layout and Copyright Clearance (UNG Press) \$2600

Travel \$800

#### **Sustainability Plan**

Freshman Chemistry I and II are large enrollment Core Curriculum and G2C courses that are required for all STEM major discipline students. As it is a required course in numerous disciplines, multiple sections will be offered fall, spring and summer semesters in the foreseeable future. Upon completion, this textbook will be adopted by all sections of Freshman Chemistry I and II (CHEM 1211 and 1212) at the University of Georgia. As enrollment increases, it will continue to impact larger numbers of students. Developments made to this course through this grant program will have a major and lasting effect on students in Georgia.

The proposer as well as the team members are all regular instructors of this course and will be able to maintain and update course materials into the future. It is not anticipated that the factual material in this textbook will require updating, the inclusion of materials from other disciplines (for example biology, physics) will need to be periodically revisited. The audiovisual resources will need to be updated periodically and due to the nature of the methods employed in delivering the content, the question banks will be continuously updated.

# **Acknowledgment**

# **Grant Acceptance**

[Acknowledged] I understand and acknowledge that acceptance of Affordable Learning Georgia grant funding constitutes a commitment to comply with the required activities listed in the RFP and that my submitted proposal will serve as the statement of work that must be completed by my project team. I further understand and acknowledge that failure to complete the deliverables in the statement of work may result in termination of the agreement and funding.



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January 11, 2019

To,
The Affordable Learning Georgia (ALG)
Textbook Transformation Grants Review Committee

Subject: Letter of support for the Textbook Transformation grant proposal, Round 13.

Members of the ALG Review Committee,

On behalf of University of Georgia's Office of Instruction, I am pleased to offer my strong support for two grant proposals from the Department of Chemistry to introduce – or extend – the use of OER in three courses (CHEM 1210, CHEM 1211 and CHEM 1212). The total enrollment in these courses is approximately 5000 students annually, ensuring that these grants will have a high impact on lowering the overall cost of textbooks for students. Indeed, the course redesign of CHEM 1210 resulting from this proposal may increase enrollment in CHEM 1210, further increasing the impact of this grant. Also note that the proposed grants continue the efforts initiated last year and which were partially funded by an ALG grant awarded in 2018. Some of these efforts also contribute greatly to UGA's Momentum Year goals.

The first proposal ("Pedagogical Reform and Redesign of General Chemistry I and II") is a direct extension of the OER efforts in CHEM 1211 (Freshman Chemistry I) and CHEM 1212 (Freshman Chemistry II) that were adopted in 2018 and which resulted in an estimated cost savings of \$130 per student. The adoption of OERs for these courses, allowed faculty to redesign these courses and modify their pedagogy to adopt greater levels of active learning, which has been shown to result in better learning outcomes for students. Another benefit of the course redesign has been to better integrate the content in these classes to the overall learning goals – not just in General Chemistry but to other disciplines as well. These curricular and pedagogical modifications have now necessitated additional changes to the OER, which includes the creation of some new content (including a question bank for homework and self-study, pre-lecture problems, quizzes and exams) as well as restructuring of some existing contents. This ALG proposal will help faculty achieve these goals, and will provide students an OER resource that is more pertinent to their coursework and overall learning objectives.

The second proposal ("Curricular Redesign of the Basics of Chemistry (CHEM 1210)") is to redesign CHEM 1210 (Basics of Chemistry) while adopting OER as its primary textbook. The course redesign is intended to transition this course from a remedial course in support of CHEM 1211, to one that serves to meet the Chemistry requirement for students who are pursuing degrees in non-STEM majors. As with other CHEM courses, this course redesign will also adopt an active learning pedagogical model, and the ALG grant will allow faculty to not just secure an appropriate OER but also help them create supplementary instructional materials, exercises, homework materials, case studies, virtual laboratory experiments and the like.

UGA has a robust support system to assist faculty with curricular redesign, pedagogical innovation and general instructional support offered through the Office of Instruction as well as the Office of the

Provost. We have invested significantly in improving our teaching support and continue to push the boundary for instructional innovation on many fronts. As an example, we are currently implementing several programs to further improve our teaching and learning environment (see the report of President's Task Force on Student Learning and Success here:

https://president.uga.edu/ resources/documents/final task force report.pdf). Increasing and sustaining adoption of OERs is another high priority for UGA and we have devoted a number of resources towards this goal, including an "OER Fellows Program," an OER Consulting service and small internal grants program. We remain committed to improving student success while lowering the overall costs for students and OER are an important aspect of this overall goal. For this reason, we strongly believe that the work initiated through the ALG grant can be sustained at UGA.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals.

Sincerely,

Rahul Shrivastav, Ph.D. Vice President for Instruction



# Textbook Transformation Grants, Round Fourteen (Summer 2019 –Summer 2020)

Proposal Form and Narrative

## **Notes**

- The proposal form and narrative .docx file is for offline drafting and review. Submitters must use the InfoReady Review online form for proposal submission.
- The only way to submit the official proposal is through the online form in Georgia Tech's InfoReady Review. The link to the online application is on the Round 14 RFP Page.
- The italic text we provide is meant for clarifications and can be deleted.

# Applicant, Team, and Sponsor Information

The **applicant** is the proposed Project Lead for the grant project. The **submitter** is the person submitting the application (which may be a Grants Officer or Administrator). The submitter will often be the applicant – if so, leave the submitter fields blank.

| Institution(s)           | University of Georgia                       |
|--------------------------|---|
| Applicant Name           | Suzanne Ellenberger                         |
| Applicant Email          | suzanne.ellenberger@uga.edu                 |
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Please provide the first/last names and email addresses of all team members within the proposed project. Include the applicant (Project Lead) in this list. Do not include prefixes or suffixes such as Ms., Dr., Ph.D., etc.

|               | Name                | Email Address              |
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If you have any more team members to add, please enter their names and email addresses in

Please provide the sponsor's name, title, department, and institution. The sponsor is the provider of your Letter of Support.

| Dr. Rahul Shrivastav          |  |
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| Vice President of Instruction |  |

# Project Information and Impact Data

| Title of Grant Project              | Pedagogical Reform and Redesign of Freshman         |
|-------------------------------------|---|
|                                     | Chemistry I and II                                  |
| Type of Grant                       | "Gateways to Completion"                            |
| Requested Amount of Funding         | \$30,000.00   |
| Course Names and Course Numbers     | Freshman Chemistry I (CHEM 1211) and Freshman       |
|                                     | Chemistry II (1212)                                 |
| Final Semester of Project           | Summer 2020   |
| Average Number of Students Per      | 280   |
| Course Section Affected by Project  |   |
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|----------------------------------|--|--|
|                                  | per year                                       |  |
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| Post-Project Savings Per Student | \$100.00 per year                              |  |
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# Narrative Section

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New materials or revisions created with ALG finding will be made available to the public under a Creative Commons Attribution License.to the GALILEO Open Learning Materials Platform. The materials will also be hosted in WebAssign for sharing and collaboration.

#### 4. Quantitative and Qualitative Measures

To ensure improvement of student outcomes in the proposed course redesign, a number of quantitative and qualitative measures will be tracked in the project. Baseline data from several semesters prior to use of the newly developed materials such as withdrawal rates, successful versus unsuccessful grade ratios will be tracked. This will be compared to the same data after the inception of the new course materials. Student learning outcomes will be quantitatively assessed through student performance on course assignments including homework, quizzes, exams; scores and national percentile rankings on the American Chemical Society Exams Institute final examination for both CHEM 1211 and 1212.

Student opinions and impressions are also important to monitor and understand the impact of the changes on student satisfaction. A survey will be produced and given to students at the end of each semester to anonymously assess student response regarding their opinion of the impact of the course on their technical skills and the appropriateness of the learning materials. To assure compliance in obtaining survey data, a small number of extra credit points will be given to students who participate.

#### 5. Timeline

- May 1: Kickoff meeting. The project will be described to the team members, and, teams and team leaders for the project components will be communicated with specific deadlines for the project components. There will be weekly check-ins for all of the team leaders. All team members will participate. Project Manager: Ellenberger
- May 20: Kickoff Meeting, Middle Georgia State University Hatcher Conference Center.
   Ellenberger and Caughran will attend.
- May June: Evaluate and revise, as needed, course outcomes and learning objectives for CHEM 1211 and 1212. All team members will participate; Team Leader: Caughran
- May August: Complete the draft textbook revisions for CHEM 1211 and 1212.
   Caughran and Ellenberger
- August December: Teach from the CHEM 1211 and 1212 OER textbook. Continuous discussions will ensue from the instructors regarding any necessary revisions, additions or deletions from the book. Team Leaders: Ellenberger and Caughran
- May 2019 May 2020: Write questions for pre-lecture and post-lecture assignments; weekly quizzes; exams; case studies; and, worksheets for CHEM 1211 and 1212. All content will be written in simple text documents to facilitate the possible adoption to a different electronic engine in the future. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Gokal

- May 2019 May 2020: Code the questions and instructional materials in WebAssign.
   Caughran, Du, Suggs. Team Leader: Suggs
- May 2019 May 2020: Write questions for student response systems for CHEM 1211 and 1212. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Blankenship
- May August: Create a draft survey for CHEM 1211 and 1212 to be given to other instructors to test is usefulness and clarity. Gokal, Du, Jackson, Blankenship. Team Leader: West
- November-December: Draft survey data from GHEM 1211 and 1212 students will be collected and evaluated to determine if changes are needed. Gokal, Du, West, Blankenship. Team Leader: Jackson
- January: Survey data for CHEM 1211 and 1212 will be presented to the entire team to be evaluated to determine if it meets the needs of the team. Gokal, Du, West, Blankenship. Team Leader: Jackson
- January: Modifications will be made to the survey if necessary and the second draft or final survey for CHEM 1211 and 1212 will be given to other instructors or TA's to determine efficacy. Gokal, Du, Jackson, Blankenship. Team Leader: West
- April: The survey for CHEM 1211 and 1212 will have been given to students using the new course materials and redesigned curriculum. Survey data will be collected, compiled and evaluated. Gokal, Du, West, Blankenship. Team Leader: Jackson
- May: The project team will meet to debrief and evaluate the semester's use of the new materials and curriculum redesign and to evaluate the information gathered from the student surveys. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Ellenberger
- January 2020 March 2020: Discuss and make necessary changes to the curriculum or course materials based on the debriefing and survey evaluation. All team members will participate. Team Leader: Ellenberger
- January 2020 May 2020: Make any necessary changes to the textbook to produce a final version for use in the fall 2020 semester. All team members will participate. Team Leaders: Caughran and Ellenberger

# 6. Budget

The overall projected expenses are as follows and includes personnel expenses and projected costs associated with travel and book design.

| Suzanne Ellenberger                                    | \$5000                 |
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| Joel Caughran  | ineligible for support |
| Wayne Suggs  | \$3600                 |
| Douglas Jackson  | \$3600                 |
| Sara Blankenship                                       | \$3600                 |
| Ana West   | \$3600                 |
| Wenjian Du   | \$3600                 |
| Rupa Gokal   | \$3600                 |
| Book Design/Layout and Copyright Clearance (UNG Press) | \$2600                 |

Travel \$800

# 7. Sustainability Plan

Freshman Chemistry I and II are large enrollment Core Curriculum and G2C courses that are required for all STEM major discipline students. As it is a required course in numerous disciplines, multiple sections will be offered fall, spring and summer semesters in the foreseeable future. Upon completion, this textbook will be adopted by all sections of Freshman Chemistry I and II (CHEM 1211 and 1212) at the University of Georgia. As enrollment increases, it will continue to impact larger numbers of students. Developments made to this course through this grant program will have a major and lasting effect on students in Georgia.

The proposer as well as the team members are all regular instructors of this course and will be able to maintain and update course materials into the future. It is not anticipated that the factual material in this textbook will require updating, the inclusion of materials from other disciplines (for example biology, physics) will need to be periodically revisited. The audiovisual resources will need to be updated periodically and due to the nature of the methods employed in delivering the content, the question banks will be continuously be updated.

Note: Letter of Support