

Affordable Learning Georgia



Empowering University System of Georgia faculty to reduce the cost of educational materials and contribute to student success



Projects to Support College Affordability

Affordable Learning Georgia provides faculty with the support they need to implement Open Educational Resources (OER), library resources, and other affordable resources in place of a commercial textbook through Textbook Transformation Grants. Faculty also create revisions of existing OER and new ancillary materials through ALG Mini-Grants.



A One-Stop Center for Affordable Resources

Affordable Learning Georgia's website provides a place for training, search tools, a weekly newsletter, research, reports, and requests for proposals for new rounds of Textbook Transformation Grants: www.affordablelearninggeorgia.org.



A Community of Practice

Affordable Learning Georgia Campus Champions and Library Coordinators help raise awareness of Open Educational Resources and help interested faculty in finding, evaluating, revising, remixing, and even creating new OER. In 2017, Affordable Learning Georgia started its first Faculty Learning Community (FLC) focused on OER, addressing how to clear obstacles to adoption, adaptation, and creation, contributing to increased use of OER on USG campuses.

Textbook Transformation Grants

Textbook Transformation Grants provide faculty and staff with the time it takes to transform a course with a required expensive commercial textbook to the use of OER, library resources, and other no-cost or low-cost learning materials. Grant applications are peer reviewed by three experienced USG faculty and professional staff reviewers, and each grant team attends a Kickoff Meeting together with ALG before starting the project.

Since the initiative's funded inception in Fiscal Year 2014-2015, all ALG programs have saved a total projected **\$31.3 million dollars** on textbook costs, affecting 219,343 students:

- Textbook Transformation Grants: \$25.2 million saved, 167,979 students affected
- eCore Transformation Program: \$6.1 million saved, 51,364 students affected

All 26 USG institutions have received a grant, with 347 applications received and 173 funded projects.