
OER mini-grants for faculty

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What is OER?

OER stands for Open Educational Resources. Open educational resources (OER) are free and openly licensed educational materials that can be used for teaching, learning, research, and other purposes.

“I truly believe that no matter how good information may be, it only has value when it can be found.” - *Chris Powter, University of Alberta*

“Teaching is never a neutral act. The texts we bring into our classrooms have messages about social continuity and social change, whether we acknowledge these messages or not.” – *Shantel Ivits, Vancouver Community College*

Aside from tuition, textbooks are the leading financial stressor for students

85%

of students say paying for **textbooks and course materials** is financially stressful, compared to:



student housing **73%**



healthcare **69%**



meals and food **63%**

Students make sacrifices to afford their textbooks and course materials



4 in 10
skipped meals



2 in 10
changed their major to reduce the cost



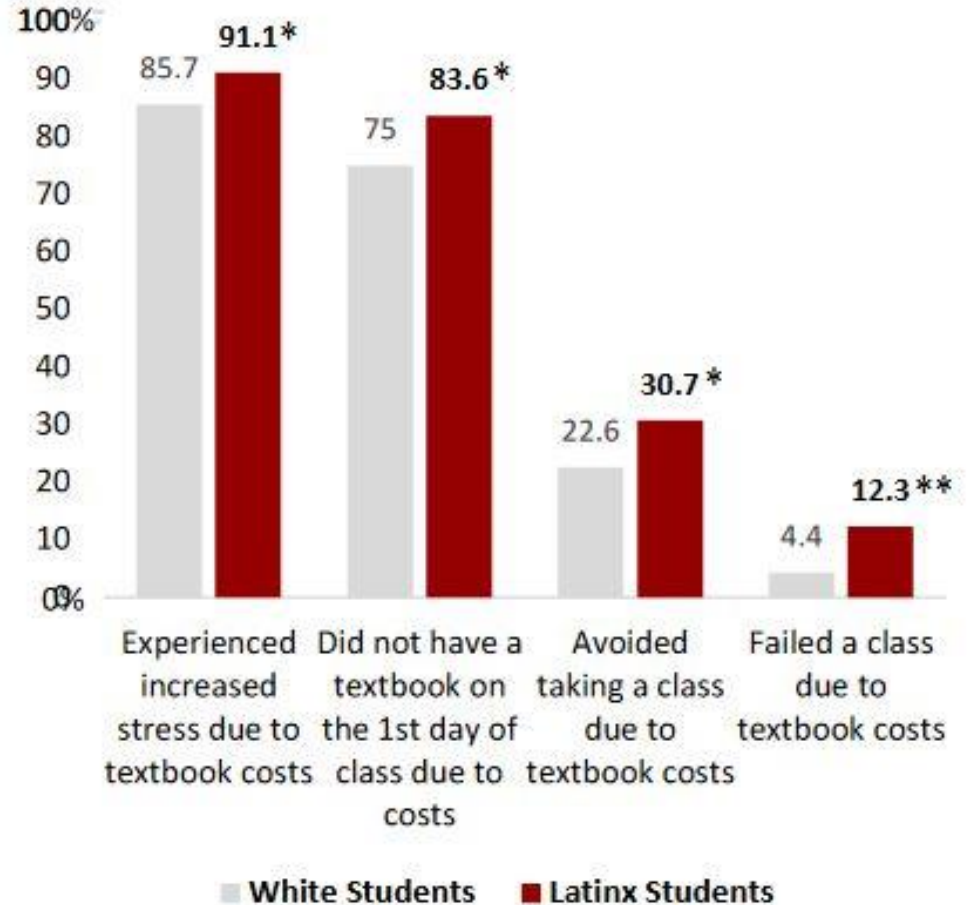
3 in 10
decided not to take a course because of the high cost of textbooks



3 in 10
have taken fewer classes

CSUCI Study

- 700 students
- impact of textbook costs on underserved populations
- [full study here](#)



AB 798 Textbook

Affordability grant goals:

- increase adoption of OER on CCC campuses
- save students \$ on textbooks
- increase faculty awareness of OER



How is BCC doing so far?

-37 course sections marked ZTC for the Fall (impacting ~ 1,295 students)

-Faculty in eleven disciplines using OER

-Fall 2018 - Spring 2020, faculty saved students \$390,000

-many faculty have created their own OER: psychology, political science, anthropology

-librarians are trained to help search for OER

-Senate resolution in support of OER (2015)

AB 798 (OER) mini-grants

Mini-grants between \$300-\$5,000 to explore, adopt, create, and share OER with faculty colleagues at BCC

Designed to engage faculty of different levels of experience with OER

Initial applications due by December 14th, with rolling applications to be accepted afterward (pending funding)

Information Sessions

Thursday November
19 4 - 5pm

Monday November 30
12:30 - 1:30pm

More details on our
LibGuide for OER
