

## Open Alternative Textbook (OAT) Report

1 February 2021

**Deadline for Fall '21 course designations: February 12**

**Deadline for Summer '21 grant apps: April 12**

### Overview

This initiative, approved by the Faculty Senate in 2019, is designed to promote, incentivize, and grow the use of freely-available resources in WSU classes to reduce the economic impact of textbook costs on the student body. This initiative has been adapted for WSU based on a similar plan at K-State.

The project has two elements:

1. The Open/Alternative Textbook Course Designation:
  - Provides significant savings to students as well as an incentive to faculty. A \$10/student course fee will be applied to an approved course that is using Open or Alternative textbooks that have no cost to the students. Instead of paying the cost of a textbook (often over \$100) and perhaps some additional materials/online content, students will simply pay a \$10 fee for the course.
  - The money from the fee is split between the department offering the course (60%) and a grant program to develop additional open resources (40%).
2. The Open/Alternative Textbook Grant Program:

Provides \$2,000-5,000 grants to faculty (singly or as a team) to develop new Open Educational Resources that can be used by the students in their course, free of charge. These will be funded by the 40% distribution from the course designation fee.

### Updates

- AY19-20: 22 course designations approved from 6 different colleges, including honors.
- Summer '20: 3 grants of \$2000 offered to faculty with SEM seed money
- Fall '20: 6 course designations approved.
- Fall '20: 14 courses with OAT designations offered;
  - 310 total students enrolled in OAT designated courses.
  - \$1240 from Fall courses toward grant funding
  - \$1860 toward departments offering OAT courses (40/60 split)
- Spring '21: 15 courses with OAT designations

### OAT committee

- Two faculty members (appointed by Faculty Senate) – Neal Allen and Doug English
- A representative from University Libraries – Maria Sclafani
- A representative from Instructional Design and Access – John Jones
- At least one student (appointed by SGA) – Chair of Academics committee
- Associate Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management (ex officio) – Carolyn Shaw

More Info and application submission forms: [www.wichita.edu/OAT](http://www.wichita.edu/OAT)