

Open Educational Resources at Lehman College

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The cost barrier kept

2.4 million

low and moderate-income college-qualified high school graduates from completing college in the previous decade



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FRESHMAN YEAR AUG 6 2015, 11:35 AM ET

College Textbook Prices Have Risen 1,041 Percent Since 1977

by **BEN POPKEN**

Nearly 40% of CUNY students come from households with annual incomes of less than

\$20,000

The average student should budget

\$1,230 - \$1,390

for textbooks and course materials in 2016-2017

CUNY = \$1,364

Impact of High Textbook Costs

Florida Virtual Campus Survey 2016 - 22,000 students

66.6% did not purchase required textbook

37.6% earn poor grade

19.8% fail course

47.6% occasionally or frequently take fewer courses

45.5% do not register for course

26.1% drop course

20.7% withdraw from courses

Open Educational Resources

Open Educational Resources are free and openly licensed educational materials that can be used for teaching, learning, research, and other purposes

How It All Began

<p>Fall 2016</p>	<p>Library develops OER Fellowship Program - modeled after similar initiative at City Tech - utilizing Strategic Initiative Funds provided by Academic Affairs</p> <p>Library creates OER Working Group and solicits applications from discipline faculty</p>
<p>Spring 2017</p>	<p>Library supports 3 faculty developing OER with training on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copyright and Creative Commons Licensing• Searching OER Repositories• Evaluating OER• Platform – CUNY <i>Academic Commons</i>

Cohort 1



Yuri Gorokhovich, Earth, Environmental, and Geospatial Sciences



Sharon Jordan, Art



Anne Rice, African and African American Studies

Instead of adapting a book for the class - I feel like I am adapting a world for the class

I found many OER sites with much better illustrations and explanations than I used before

I have also added my own scholarship into the class



Yuri Gorokhovich

A Windfall



(<https://www.insidehighered.com>)



CUNY, SUNY plan major expansion of OER efforts

Submitted by Carl Straumsheim on April 14, 2017 - 3:00am

The City University of New York and State University of New York systems are preparing for the conversation about college affordability to shift to the cost of textbooks as the state rolls out its free-tuition plan.

Governor Andrew Cuomo and state legislators announced ^[1] Saturday they had reached a deal that will make tuition free at CUNY and SUNY. Known as the Excelsior Scholarship, the program could help as many as 940,000 families afford higher education, according to one estimate.

As the state prepares to launch the program this fall, administrators at the two university systems are planning for an influx of low-income students for whom the add-on costs of higher education -- such as textbooks -- represent a significant barrier to enrolling.

"Tuition may be free, but the rest of college still isn't," said Carey Hatch, associate provost for

Scaling Up

Spring-
Summer
2017

CUNY Office of Academic Affairs issues RFP for *Scale-Up Initiative*

Lehman awarded **\$121,185** for OER development in 12 courses

Online Education and Library offer OER Professional Development Course

Fall
2017

Lehman Student Government passes *Resolution in Support of Open Textbooks*

CUNY launches *Zero Textbook Cost Attribute* in CUNYfirst

11 Faculty develop OER-Textbook Alternatives for their courses

Previous OER cohort continues to develop OER for their other courses

Cohort 2



Bertrade Ngo-Ngijol Banoum, African and African American Studies



Katherine Burt, Nutrition



Evelyn Duran-Urrea, Languages and Literature



Dana Fenton, Sociology



Jonathan Gobeil, Sociology

Cohort 2



Danielle Magaldi, Counseling, Leadership, Literacy, Special Education



Alexander Núñez-Torres, Economics and Business



Mary Rogan, Economics and Business



Kym Vanderbilt, Early Childhood and Childhood Education



Dhipinder Walia, English

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Increasing Educational Attainment
in the Bronx

Estimated Student Savings

over \$350,000

for Fall 2017 through projected Fall 2018

Zero Textbook Cost Courses

Open Educational Resources

- Creative Commons Licensed Materials

- Public Domain Materials

- Faculty Developed Materials

Library-Licensed Resources

- Traditional Copyright - but no cost to students

CUNYfirst Attribute

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- Hybrid
- In Person
- Online
- Partially Online
- Web-Enhanced

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If you currently teach without a textbook – ask your Chair to complete *eCSP Form* to apply Zero Textbook Cost Course attribute

Want to Learn More?

Lehman OER Research Guide

<http://libguides.lehman.edu/oer>

CUNY-SUNY OER Showcase at Baruch on March 23rd

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