

The OER Student Toolkit

A guide to help students decrease book costs on campus through OER (open educational resources)



Tell your professor

You may not be an expert in biology, but you are an expert on your own budget! Ask your professor to review an OpenStax book and see if it's a good fit for your class. Use the message on the right and follow up a few weeks later.



Message for your professor

"Would you consider using OpenStax for your class? OpenStax publishes peer-reviewed, completely free college textbooks so every student can have access on the first day of class. Each book follows standard scope and sequence requirements and comes with instructor resources, and they're being used in 16% of introductory courses nationwide! You can review the books at openstax.org/subjects. This would really help cut costs for your students!"



Amplify through student media

Student media is a great way to amplify your message! Ask your student newspaper, radio, or TV station to feature stories about faculty who are using OER and to tell students about OpenStax's free, peer-reviewed textbooks.



Use the books

Haven't been able to get the book for your class yet? Need to refer back to material for an advanced course or test? You can use OpenStax books to stay on track. They cover the standard requirements for most college courses and are available for free online or for \$6.99 in the iBooks Store.



Get social

Connect with us and spread the word on Facebook and Twitter. Telling people about OpenStax's free, peer-reviewed textbooks means it's more likely that faculty will hear about them and use them in their classrooms.



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Say thanks

Work with your student life group to create a "thank you" campaign, putting up posters to thank faculty who have adopted OER. Others on campus will see the positive impact that OER is having on students.



Get involved

Make your voice heard by participating in your college's OER task force. If your school doesn't have a task force, approach your President or Provost about starting one.

