



Affordable Learning Georgia

Affordable Materials Grants

Greetings GCSU Campus,

The Office of Grants & Sponsored Projects invites all interested faculty and staff to submit an intent to apply for the [Affordable Materials Grants](#) (AMG). These grants are an ongoing effort to reduce the cost of course materials for students and increase the adoption of Open Educational Resources (OER). The AMG provides support for instructors and professional staff to execute approaches to no-and low-cost materials and contribute to student retention, progression, and graduation. There are **three categories** to consider: **Transformation, Continuous Improvement, and Research Grants.**

Transformation Grants

Transformation Grants support individual instructors, teams of instructors, entire departments, and professional staff in their efforts to replace existing course-specific commercial textbooks and materials with no- or low-cost learning materials for students. An example could be the adoption, adaptation, and/or creation of OER. The total funding requested for Transformation Grants cannot exceed \$30,000.

Continuous Improvement Grants

Continuous Improvement Grants support projects that increase the sustainability of OER through substantial revisions of existing courses, creation of ancillaries for existing OER courses, or replacement of current OER in courses with new/improved OER. Continuous Improvement Grants cannot exceed \$10,000 in requested funding.

Research Grants

Research Grants aim to broaden knowledge of how implementations of OER affect cost, outcomes, usage, and perceptions. Examples of topics in this category are “Does the free open access to open educational resources lead to increased student success over other resources?” and “Does the ability to revise and remix open resources for more localized student relevance influence student success over the use of other resources?”.

To ensure project feasibility, Research Grant teams must include at least one non-instructional faculty research collaborator (e.g., research faculty, institutional researchers, instructional

designers and technologists, librarians, or student assistants) to help manage the project and conduct research activities. Research Grants cannot exceed \$10,000 in requested funding.

Campus Support

ALG Champions are on campus and available to assist with identifying affordable resources, fundamentals and best practices of open licensing, and the potential to enhance instruction through open pedagogy. Champion points of contact are:

Dr. Shaundra Walker (Shaundra.walker@gcsu.edu) – Dean of Library

Paula Knight (paula.knight@gcsu.edu) - Library Champion

Jaclyn Queen (jaclyn.queen@gcsu.edu) - Instructional Design Champion

TBD - Faculty Champion

For additional support, the Office of Grants and Sponsored Projects is available to assist with proposal development, feedback, and final submission. Review the timeline document for additional information.

Faculty and staff who intend to apply for an AMG must complete and submit an intent to apply form by Friday, October 3, 2025. The intent to apply form should be returned to the OGSP at grants@gcsu.edu and copied to the appropriate Department Chair/Dean.