



THE UNIVERSITY of
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FOURTH ROUND

STATEWIDE CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Replacing Traditional Textbooks with Open Educational Resources

Available to Faculty at Mississippi's
Public Universities and Community Colleges

Development Stipends of \$4,000 | Deadline: October 17, 2018

Are students buying the textbooks that you adopt? Do you worry about the cost of books, especially for your students in poverty? Does the bookstore stock enough copies of the books you order? Would you like to create your own mix of readings and activities, instead of relying on traditional textbooks?

The University of Mississippi's Z-Degree Initiative seeks proposals from faculty interested in using free and open digital resources to enhance existing undergraduate courses. Successful proposals will replace one or more traditional books with free and open digital resources, thereby increasing engagement and reducing costs for students.

What free digital resources will be acceptable?

Any openly-licensed materials that you find valuable and useful will be acceptable. Here are some digital resources that have been used by others:

- Free and complete online textbooks from the [University of Minnesota's Open Textbook Library](#) and from [Rice University's OpenStax](#)
- [The Open Course Library from Washington State](#)
- E-Books and E-Journals from your own campus library
- [Open Learning Materials at Carnegie Mellon University](#)
- [Lectures and Readings from iTunes U](#)
- [Open Yale Courses](#)
- Public archives like [The Whitman Archive](#)
- [MIT OpenCourseWare](#)
- [The Avalon Document Project from Yale](#)
- Lectures and Readings from [Academic Earth](#)
- Videos and Transcripts from the [C-Span Video Library](#)
- Lectures from [OpenLearn](#)
- Modules from [Connexions at Rice University](#)
- [OpenCourseWare from UMass Boston](#)
- Modules and Readings from [Education Portal](#)
- Free e-books from [Project Gutenberg](#)
- Open Courses from [Lumen Learning](#)

Faculty with successful proposals will conduct their research and planning during the spring and summer of 2019, with new course materials being first used during the 2019–2020 academic year. Grant organizers will provide access to course consultants to help faculty locate, evaluate, edit, and/or author openly-licensed course materials. Faculty will be asked to teach the course at least twice using the newly adopted materials.

How do I submit a proposal?

Proposals will be judged on potential to increase student engagement and to reduce student expenses. Preference will be given to proposals affecting multi-sectioned courses and/or courses with large enrollments. Preference will be given to courses that are required in the general education curriculum.

Successful proposals will receive up to \$4,000 in development stipends for faculty; regular employee payroll withholding, including taxation, benefits deductions, and grants administration charges, may apply. Team proposals are welcomed.

Proposals due by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2018. They should be submitted by e-mail to oyer@olemiss.edu and should include the following information:

- Name, title, university or college, and department;
- Course number and title;
- Typical enrollment of course and frequency taught;
- ISBN and current new cost of book or books to be replaced;
- Preliminary description of openly-licensed digital resources that might be utilized;
- Discussion of how these digital resources might improve your course and/or student engagement;
- Brief statement of support from your chair, dean, or administrator.

Questions? Please contact oyer@olemiss.edu

