



**Open Textbook
Network**



Help Lower Textbook Costs for Students

Are you an instructor who is concerned about the impact of high textbook costs on your students? Explore possible open textbook solutions by attending an hour-long workshop and writing a short textbook review. Receive a \$200 stipend for your efforts!

Did You Know...

- The high cost of some course materials can impede students' academic success.
- The College Board estimates that the average undergraduate can budget \$1,240 - \$1,440 for textbooks and supplies in 2018–19.
- The cost of textbooks is rising at a rate of 4 times inflation.
- Seven out of 10 students don't purchase a required textbook during their academic career because of cost.
- 60% of students have delayed purchasing textbooks until they've received their financial aid.

Open Textbooks

Open textbooks can help alleviate the burden of textbook costs for students and provide faculty with content that can be customized for their course. Open textbooks are full, real textbooks, used by many faculty across the country, and licensed to be freely used, edited, and distributed.

What You Can Do

Attend the Open Textbook Workshop — a one-hour session where you can discover open textbooks in your field. After the workshop, you'll be asked to write a short review of an open textbook from the [Open Textbook Library](#). Your review will benefit other faculty considering open textbooks. You'll receive a \$200 stipend for your participation and written review.

What: Open Textbooks: Access, Affordability, and Academic Success workshop

Where: ACEN 238

When: Thursday, April 4th, 4:00 - 5:30pm (extra time left for questions)

Who: The workshop will be led by members of the [PALSave Team](#).

If you have questions about this workshop or open textbooks, please contact Rebecca Johnson at rejohnson@manchester.edu. You can also visit <http://palsave.palni.org> for more information about PALSave: PALNI Affordable Learning initiative.