



## AL\$ Departmental Recognition Award Opportunity

Thank you for participating in Cal Poly's Affordable Learning Solutions Initiative. Providing your students easy access to quality, low or no-cost textbooks provides a more equitable learning environment and improves student learning outcomes. This also helps departments meet the campus's diversity and inclusion goals.

An AL\$ Departmental Recognition Award for AY 2020-21 can be earned by the department with the highest number of sections in the departmental curriculum that (1) qualified to be designated "zero-cost course material" (ZCCM) and/or (2) used an open source adopted textbook. The winning department will receive \$4,000 from open education resources grants (Affordable Learning Solutions; AB798) to Cal Poly through the CSU Chancellor's Office.

Course data from AY2020-21 will be used to assess qualifying sections. To be eligible for this recognition, the following data should be submitted by April 15, 2021 on the Excel spreadsheet provided.

1. Course name, ID number and the number of sections taught per quarter.
2. Enrollment total for each section.
3. **Title of previous textbook** used for this course.
4. **Bookstore cost** Or **Amazon cost** of previous textbook or something that could be used if it has never been taught before.
5. **Title of newly selected textbook/materials**. If no textbook/material is being used at zero cost please indicate that as ZCCM. Provide link or access location if applicable.
6. **Student cost of newly selected** or created course materials (printing costs if being printed by the bookstore or print shop). Often, this is a zero cost.

### Award Agreement

I understand that I must complete all the steps mentioned above and provide the requested information on or before **April 15, 2021**. The department with the highest total of ZCCM and open resources course sections will receive an award. The award, in the form of a \$4,000 fund transfer, will be delivered by June 2021. In the case of a tie between two departments, the funds will be split evenly. Previous winners cannot apply.

NOTE: This recognition program is expected to continue for several years. Providing information on current OER adoption, even for departments that expect to report relatively light OER use at present, has multiple benefits:

- It will provide clarity on the department's current OER adoptions that can guide efforts to expand OER adoptions to possibly merit this recognition in a future year.
- It will provide an OER adoption baseline that can be cited in departmental updates to the university on your DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) efforts.
- It can provide a point of pride for the department's communications with students and parents as evidence of your commitment to reducing the costs for students (and parents).

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