

Education for all!

My experience with three programs to engage teaching faculty and connect students with affordable textbooks.

Ohio Open Ed Collaborative

<https://ohiolink.oercommons.org/hubs/OOEC>

I was part of a state-wide group that created an Open Textbook for first year biology courses. The entire program has saved students about **7 million US dollars** since 2019.



Pros

- Accredited to state standards
- Many people to help



Cons

- Time intensive



Affordable Learning Exchange

<https://affordablelearning.osu.edu/>

I helped a Molecular Genetics instructor create an Open Textbook using LibreTexts (<https://libretexts.org/>). The entire program has saved students over **20 million US dollars** since 2016.



Pros

- Custom textbook
- Builds relationships with teaching faculty



Cons

- Specific to one instructor
- Very time intensive



Purchase multi-user eBooks

I asked instructors to tell me what textbooks they were going to use, and if I could, I purchased them as multi-user E-Books. Only 15 purchases saved students nearly **100,000 US dollars**.



Pros

- Fast
- Did not require any extra money



Cons

- E-books only, no print option
- Not available outside the institution
- Publishers did not always offer the textbook as a multi-user e-book

Do your students have open or affordable textbooks?



Yes!



No!

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