

Open and Affordable Textbook Authoring Award Evaluation Criteria

OAT Program Objectives

- Support course materials affordability at Rutgers
- Promote the use of open and affordable educational resources
- Empower faculty to innovate their teaching using open, free, or library-licensed materials and teaching aids

Criteria Weights		
Approach	Feasibility	DEIA
60%	20%	20%

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Criteria/Factors	Propose creation and development of a new open textbook that can be adopted in courses at Rutgers University and beyond using Creative Commons licensing	The proposed timeline is feasible and ensures completion within one calendar year	The new open textbook fosters diversity, equity, and inclusion, such as contributing to an underrepresented area of study, decolonizing/transforming the curriculum, and/or serving populations disproportionately affected by textbook costs (be specific)
	The application documents the need for a proposed open textbook, including gaps in existing open textbook offerings		The application describes a plan to create course materials digitally in an accessible format
Comprehensive (4)	Comprehensively addresses all the criteria/factors	Comprehensively addresses feasibility	Specifically and comprehensively articulates how new open textbook fosters DEIA
Good (3)	Adequately addresses most criteria/factors	Adequately addresses feasibility	Adequately articulates how new open textbook fosters DEIA
Fair (2)	Addresses some criteria/factors	Provides a brief or cursory consideration of feasibility	Provides a brief or cursory consideration of DEIA
Poor (1)	Does not articulate and/or only meets minimum criteria/factors	Does not address feasibility	Does not consider DEIA