



# Affordable Education Fund

## The case for Affordable Education and Open Educational Resources

- Between 1977 and 2015, the cost of textbooks increased 1,041 percent. Additionally, the cost of textbooks outpaced currency inflation by 238 percent from 1977 to 2015, and from 2002 to 2012, textbook inflation outpaced consumer price growth by 192.9 percent.
- When students have access to course materials from the first day of class, they get better grades and are less likely to receive a D, withdraw, or fail the class. These effects are especially pronounced for African-American students, multiracial students, Hispanic/Latinx students, and/or Pell grant recipients.

## Library Philanthropy in Action

### Leganto Reading lists save students more than \$65,000 throughout 2023

What is a Reading List? It includes Library resources such as articles, eBooks, audio, video, and open-access materials that the Library has already purchased. Students don't have to purchase a book and it's automatically loaded into their Canvas portal. Materials are automatically loaded into students' Canvas portals, removing the need for students to purchase the items. **Leganto Reading Lists impacted 140 classes and supported nearly 2,000 students in Fall 2023 through Spring 2024.**

### Library partners with Scheller for Proactive Course Reserves Pilot

To make education more affordable for students, librarians will review at least 17 fall 2023 Scheller courses to discover if it is possible to purchase materials to support high-expense and high-enrollment classes.

### Georgia Tech Library presents Read and Publish Agreements

Read and Publish agreements are a game-changing new model for scholarship that allows Institute researchers to publish their work freely. This allows faculty to publish in distinguished journals free of charge. **Georgia Tech authors produced over 7,600 articles in 2023, with just over 50 percent being published to OpenAccess (3,393). The cost savings is roughly \$1 million for only a \$150k investment through the Library.**

### Library leverages Open Educational Resources (OER)

What is an OER? OER are freely and publicly available teaching, learning, and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released under an intellectual property license that permits their free use and re-purposing by others.

In the past, faculty would place print monographs and course packs on hold for students in their classes as part of the course reserves system. In the digital age, however, the range of Library services has expanded to include e-books, journals, streaming media, and tutorials.



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