

Cleveland State University Affordable Learning Initiative



16,248
Students Impacted

\$1,289,215
in Student
Savings

49
Courses Impacted

Cleveland State University's [Affordable Learning Initiative](#) is a university-wide collaboration focused on making learning more affordable to students, while also promoting pedagogical innovation and improved student outcomes. Often, this work involves promoting, adopting, and creating and publishing open educational resources, but also includes other affordability efforts.

What is Open and Affordable Content?

For our initiative, affordable means \$0. This includes:

- Library e-textbooks with unlimited simultaneous users
- Other library resources, like databases and digital collections
- Free teaching materials whose licensing allows for unrestricted use, retention, sharing and editing

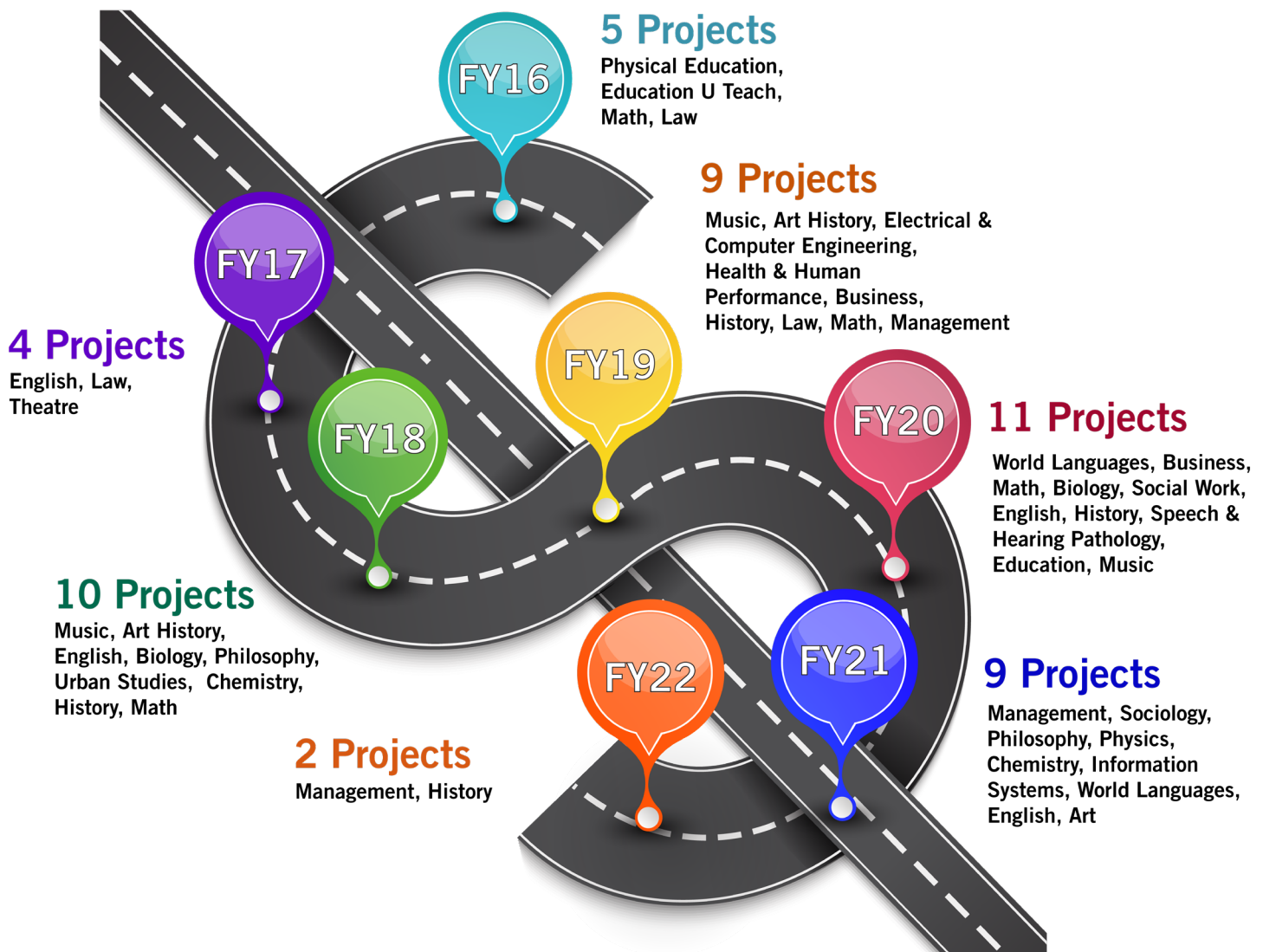
What we provide:

- Faculty consultations, presentations and workshops
- Project management and publishing support
- Library collection support and purchasing
- Textbook Affordability Grants supported through library funding



Major Programs

Textbook Affordability Grants: 50 Projects



E-textbook savings:

- 240 Titles
- 5,092 Students Helped
- **\$509,200 Possible Savings for Students**



Textbook Affordability Summer Symposium:

- CSU's [TASS](#) curriculum was adopted by OhioLINK for their Course Redesign Grant Program
- **\$188,650 Estimated Savings for Students**

2020:

16 Participants from Chemical Engineering, Teacher Education, Chemistry, Psychology, Social Work, BGES, Philosophy, Urban Studies, Comparative Religion, Education, Health Sciences, Black Studies, Business, Political Sciences

2021:

13 Participants from Management, Chemistry, Communication, Finance, Sociology & Criminology, Philosophy & Comparative Religion, Art, Computer Science, Theatre & Dance, English, Adult Learning & Development, Information Systems, Teacher Education

Number of Participants Who Identified as Affordability Advocates at End of Course:

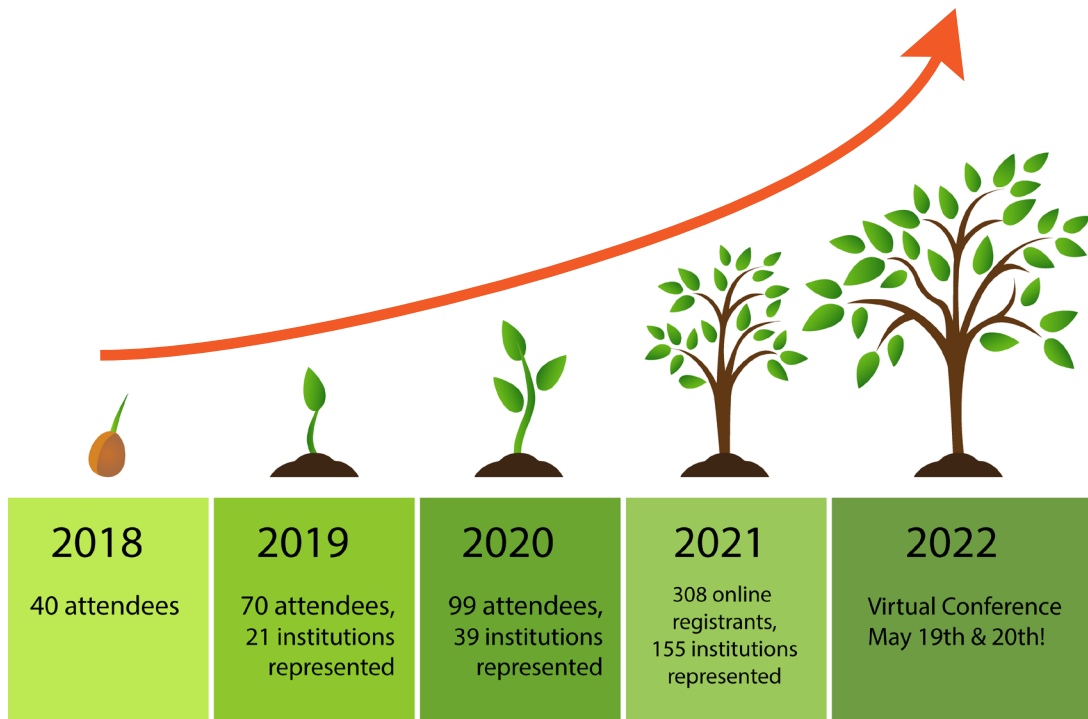
2020: **11 committed** to switching from a commercial textbook to an open textbook

2021: **13 committed** to switching from a commercial textbook to a free alternative



OpenCon Cleveland:

- [Conference of open education practitioners.](#)
- Started with grass roots efforts at CSU in 2018
- Has grown each year
- Registration more than doubling with the move to a virtual conference in 2021



Learn more about Affordable Learning at CSU:

- [Visit the Affordable Learning Website!](#)
- [View faculty reflections on Open Educational Resources](#)
- [See posters presented by Textbook Affordability Grant Winners](#)

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