

Fund for Excellence for Open Educational Resources (OER)

The costs associated with textbooks and course materials are a burden for many students that can prevent them from completing their education. Students have shared that financial burdens cause them “crippling anxiety” and “to stress out about money so much it makes me physically sick.” HACC, Central Pennsylvania’s Community College, is determined to reduce this financial burden by offering innovative solutions.

Open Educational Resources (OER) are academic materials that can be freely shared at no cost or a heavily discounted cost. For example, an OER textbook can be shared with students electronically at no cost or printed in-house at a low cost so that students do not need to purchase a textbook. **OER provides equal access for all students – no matter their socioeconomic status.**

Supporting OER will:

Bolster student success, retention and completion rates

Empower students to take more courses and complete their education faster

Reduce students’ financial burden

OER has gained momentum across the world, with HACC as a leader among colleges in Central Pennsylvania. With YOUR support, we can transform educational resources for more students.

Please visit hacc.edu/GiveNow to support the Fund for Excellence for Open Educational Resources (OER) today.

For more information, please contact the HACC Foundation at foundation@hacc.edu.

In fall 2019, 22 HACC faculty members developed 13 OER projects at a total cost of \$34,000. These projects will impact 2,284 students or roughly 13% of the HACC student population – saving them \$196,000 per semester in textbook costs!



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