

## Project Goal:

Support a robust community among our campuses for the active creation and use of Open Education Resources (OER) and related affordable educational materials.

2012	2016	In your academic career, has the cost of required textbooks caused you to:
63.6%	66.5%	Not purchase the required textbook
49.2%	47.6%	Take fewer courses
45.1%	45.5%	Not register for a specific course
33.9%	37.6%	Earn a poor grade
26.7%	26.1%	Drop a course
17.0%	19.8%	Fail a course

### Why Open?

- ▶ Removes financial barriers
- ▶ Facilitates free exchange of information
- ▶ Freedom to innovate pedagogy
- ▶ Scalable sharing

### Why Textbooks?

- ▶ Major student pain point
- ▶ Relatable
- ▶ Faculty have influence
- ▶ Faculty have control

# How ALPa Works & How You Can Get Involved

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Data Gathering &  
Assessment  
Working Group

Communications &  
Outreach  
Working Group

Training &  
Education  
Working Group

Other  
Working  
Groups?

Campus Partners

OER Community: Faculty Champions, Textbook Reviewers, Adopters, Students,  
Advocates

Open Textbook Network (OTN)