**University of South Florida (USF) Open Access E-textbook Program**

**Call for Proposals**

Pilot Summary  
For a second consecutive year, the USF Libraries and Innovative Education (InEd) are partnering to invite proposals for the development of an open access e-textbook at the University of South Florida, and seek proposals for their development by USF faculty members. Open access e-textbooks are digital in format and are made freely available over the web in an effort to enhance learning opportunities and support textbook affordability.

Selection Process, Criteria, & Format  
A USF faculty member must be the lead author on the proposed e-textbook. The USF Open Access E-textbook Review Committee will review applications and one proposal will be accepted for 2016. The e-textbook selected for support will undergo external peer review and will be reviewed upon its completion by the USF Open Access E-textbook Publication Committee.

The e-textbook may include original multi-media and interactive content. InEd will provide technical support for the development of these features. The USF Libraries will oversee the project; host and archive the e-textbook; deliver the content in the most appropriate formats, including PDF and ePub; support the peer review process; and register the ISBN.

The e-textbook should be a comprehensive work in a specific field of study. Preference will be given to proposals for textbooks meeting one or more of the following criteria. The e-textbook:

* serves multiple, high-enrollment, and undergraduate courses;
* supports STEM disciplines;
* supports a General Education course; and
* replaces a high cost print textbook.

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Compensation Agreements & Requirements  
The author(s) will be compensated with an award of $12,500, with an additional $7,500 available to the College to support course buy-out and research support. An itemized budget breakdown for the $7,500 will be required with the application. The award will be based on the quality and strength of application and how well it meets the selection criteria. For funded proposals, a portion of the award will be distributed in the spring 2016 semester and the remaining funds after completion of the project. The author(s) agree to revise as needed during peer-review and to complete 100% of the e-textbook by July 31, 2016.

Relevant Dates  
The Call for Proposals will be distributed on October 1, 2015 and proposals are due November 1, 2015. The selected author(s) will be notified by November 20, 2015. The e-textbook will be completed by July 31, 2016 and must be available for use in a USF course by fall 2016.

Proposal Overview

We need to know more about you and your proposed e-textbook. Please submit a proposal that provides all of the information listed in the following pages (2).

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**Proposal for USF Open Access Etextbook Program**

1. Your name, title, department, and complete contact information. Include updated C.V.
2. Briefly describe the proposed content of your book, and how it supports the intent of this open access etextbook program.
3. Describe your qualifications as an author, as well as those of any co-authors.
4. Describe your intended audience, and the course(s) that may adopt the open access etextbook.
5. Provide an estimate on the manuscript’s length.
6. Describe your anticipated use of multi-media elements, including graphics, video, web links, and interactive features.
7. How often do you anticipate revisions/updates will be required?
8. If you are requesting the additional $7,500, please provide an itemized budget breakdown.

Faculty Member:

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Associate Dean: (Verifies that you support the attached call for proposal and request for funds).

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