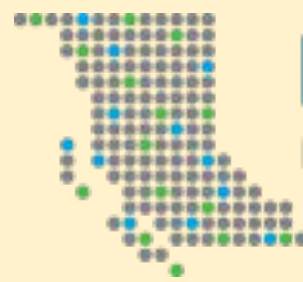


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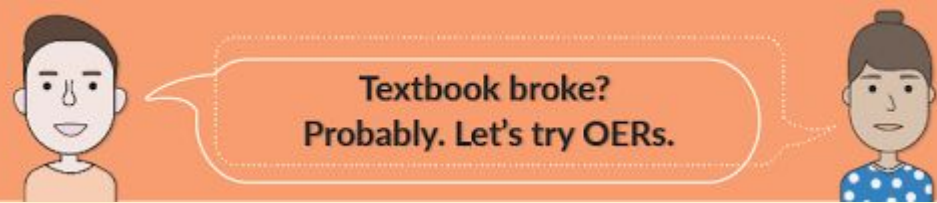
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What is the average amount students paid for course materials in 2019?

\$884



What are Open Educational Resources?

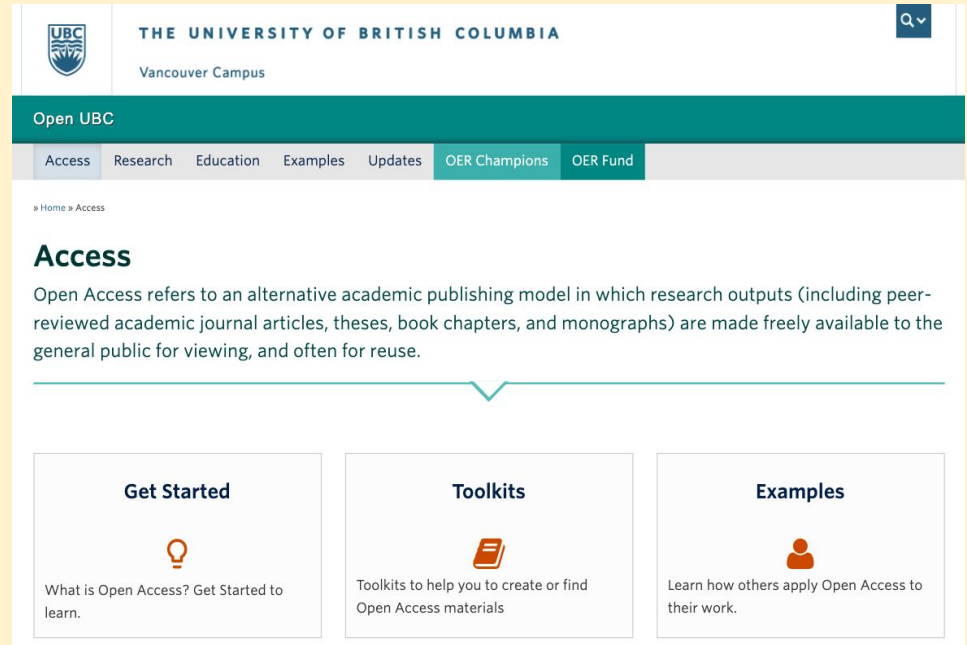
- “Teaching, learning, and research resources that, through permissions granted by their creator, allow others to use, distribute, keep, or make changes to them.”
- Open textbooks are a subset of OER, and while we focus much of our effort on creating, assessing, sharing, and supporting open textbooks, there are many types of OER available, such as: Online courses, Videos, Audio, Presentation slides, Syllabi, Course outlines
- OER are free but they are also an essential part of an open pedagogy- used to create a powerful learning experience for students. Studies have revealed a “positive relationship between the use of OER and student academic achievement”

How is UBC Involved?

Open UBC is part of the Center for Teaching and Learning Technology (CTLT)

“Open Scholarship is a broad and somewhat loose term ... Open Access, Open Science, Open Data, and Open Education..

...make up a sprawling landscape of interconnected approaches to and focuses on “openness” with roots in democracy, equality, and social justice..with emphasis on open methods to advance the speed, sharing, and integrity of scientific discovery.”



The screenshot shows the UBC Open UBC website. At the top left is the UBC logo. To its right is the text "THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA" and "Vancouver Campus". A search icon is in the top right. Below this is a teal header with "Open UBC". A navigation bar contains links for "Access", "Research", "Education", "Examples", "Updates", "OER Champions", and "OER Fund". The "Access" page content includes a breadcrumb "» Home » Access", a heading "Access", and a paragraph: "Open Access refers to an alternative academic publishing model in which research outputs (including peer-reviewed academic journal articles, theses, book chapters, and monographs) are made freely available to the general public for viewing, and often for reuse." Below this is a decorative teal line with a downward-pointing triangle. Three content boxes are displayed: "Get Started" with a lightbulb icon and text "What is Open Access? Get Started to learn."; "Toolkits" with a book icon and text "Toolkits to help you to create or find Open Access materials"; and "Examples" with a person icon and text "Learn how others apply Open Access to their work."

Policy O-131 and the Principles for Digital Learning Materials

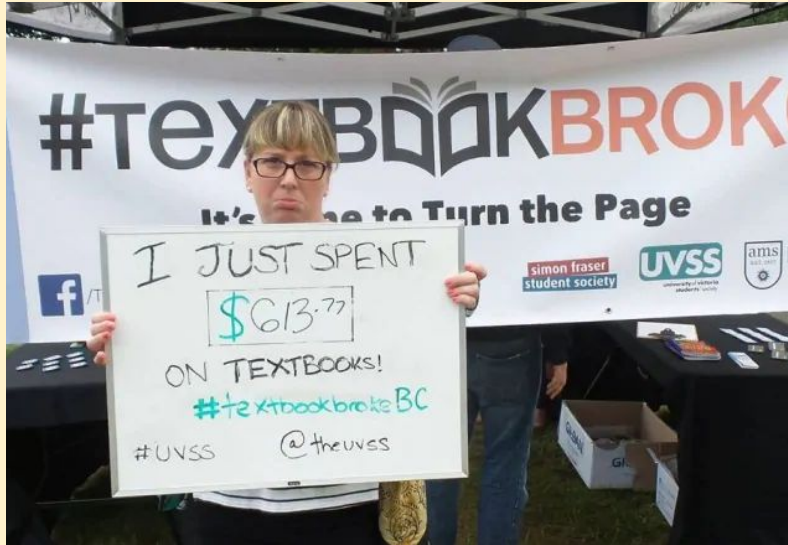
In 2018, the CTLT to presented at Senate about the fees for accessing digital learning materials that are used for assessment. Guidelines relating to cost and use of digital materials for assessment purposes exist for post-secondary institutions in Alberta and Ontario.

In 2019, the UBC-V Senate Teaching and Learning Committee discussed principles related to this topic at their April 17 meeting, and the full UBC-V Senate endorsed the principles at their May 15 meeting. The principles address affordability of compulsory learning materials, student agency, and support for open resources and platforms.

In 2020, UBC Okanagan approved the policy O-131: *Digital Assessment Tool* in July in light of COVID-19, it will expire in December this year. It provides a degree of financial protection for students, sets a cap on compulsory, digital, non-tuition, non-textbook assessment costs (65\$) and on the overall percentage of students' grade for a course (15%).



What is the #Textbook Broke Campaign?



This Policy O-131 is also meant to “provide a framework for an eventual permanent Digital Assessment Tools policy.”

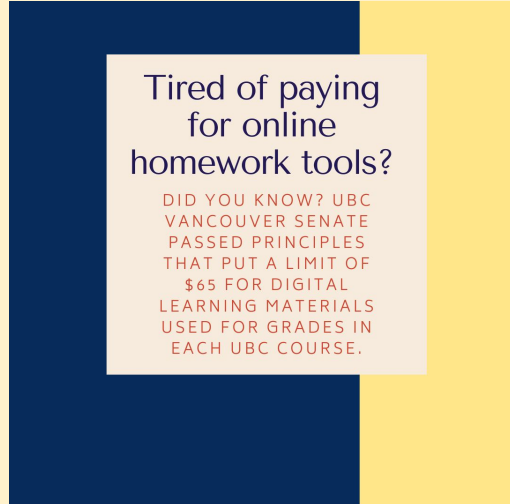
This campaign is to spread awareness of the principles passed by UBC-V Senate in 2019 and the policy passed temporarily by UBC-O in July 2020.

As well as gather signatures to make this a permanent change in our fight towards achieving equitable learning without financial barriers.

In past years, we have had boothing in-person as part of a provincial campaign with UVSS, SFU, and UBCO to engage with students and faculty.

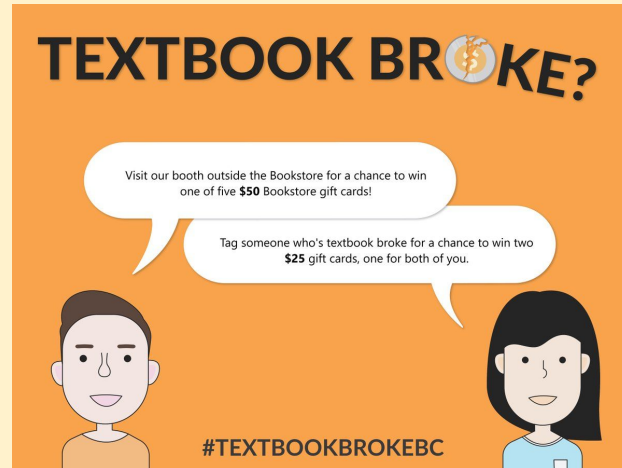
A Social Media Version

This year things are a little different... while we're apart, we are still working together! Thanks to the AMS External Team and UBC Library, we have met the UVSS, University and Campaigns Commissioner and UBCSUO Vice-President, External. Our Team developed and shared infographics with them and each Vice President, Academic of the UBC Undergraduate Societies to launch a social media campaign.



Tired of paying for online homework tools?

DID YOU KNOW? UBC VANCOUVER SENATE PASSED PRINCIPLES THAT PUT A LIMIT OF \$65 FOR DIGITAL LEARNING MATERIALS USED FOR GRADES IN EACH UBC COURSE.

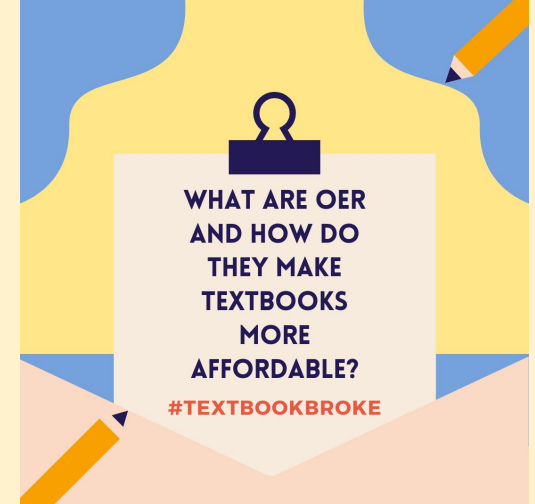


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Visit our booth outside the Bookstore for a chance to win one of five \$50 Bookstore gift cards!

Tag someone who's textbook broke for a chance to win two \$25 gift cards, one for both of you.

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WHAT ARE OER AND HOW DO THEY MAKE TEXTBOOKS MORE AFFORDABLE?

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Additional Projects For Fall 2020 re: OERs



- Last year was the first adjudication of the OER Champion Award! Collaborating with the Open UBC Working Group to host the second annual Open Learning Champions Awards to honour faculty members who create and use Open Educational Resources in their courses.
- Currently, the award is a letter from Santa Ono and Cole Evans and nominations can be done by students and faculty. We are hoping to get this a Senate approved award by working with student senator Chalaya Moonias to help these professors attain tenure.
- As well as acknowledging those on different positions of the Open Learning with resources that have been made public and accessible due to COVID-19, but are not under a Creative Commons license with a ‘Leaders in Open Learning’ Award

Our Gratitude and Call to Action

Thank you to all the Student Advocates for affordable education; previous AMS Executives, Student Senators, and AMS Campaigns and Outreach Commissioner for all of their hard work and time.



- **Call to Action**
 - Please find our Open Letter here: <https://open.ubc.ca/an-open-letter-to-ubc/>
 - Sign the petition here: https://ubc.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ewuNlSBiaPxRdj
 - Join our campaign by reposting our graphics on your story!
 - Continue having conversation about Open Education and Research with your peers, faculty leadership, and profs!