

# Zero Textbook Cost Grant Updates

## Academic Senate

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Report created to communicate goals and progress for the Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) Workgroup created by Academic Senate in 2024. The ZTC Workgroup meets twice a month to collaborate and advance ZTC grant goals. Workgroup members include Jennifer Carlin-Goldberg, Canon Crawford, Ann Foster, Jill Harrison, Mary-Catherine Oxford, Katrina Smith, and Sara Stallard.

The goals of the California Community College ZTC grants support the vision of no and low-cost education through zero cost textbooks for students to improve student success, engagement, and increase enrollment.

In 2024, Santa Rosa Junior College received start up Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC) grants to start building a supportive ZTC culture and work with the Academic Senate for California Community College Online Educational Resources Initiative (ASCCC OERI). Santa Rosa Junior College selected to participate in the Art History Cohort to identify credible OER textbook resources for each required art history course within the pathway. The Zero Textbook Cost pathway in Art History Associate Degree for Transfer will be available for students this fall! With the support for the Community of Practice “OER at SRJC”, we are paving a zero textbook cost path through the required areas in GE. The number of ZTC courses tagged in the schedule of courses increased 17% from fall 2023 to fall 2024.

On December 18, 2024, the Chancellor's Office Memo announced that each California Community College was awarded an additional \$340,000 to fund two additional ZTC pathways. These funds can be used in many ways including faculty adaptation or adoption of OER and the marketing of ZTC pathways.

The ZTC workgroup will request department interest in participating as one of these two additional pathways via email in spring 2025. The pathways need to be selected and reported to the Chancellor's office in June 2025. Progress and expenditure reports are due every December, which are also managed by the ZTC Workgroup.

ZTC Grant Goals include:

- Development and sustainability of three Zero Textbook Cost pathways
- Faculty professional development with discipline-specific online educational resources (OER)
- Improving textbook adoption rates
- Updating XB-12 reporting
- Student outreach
- Coordination with Distance Education, Student Government, Disability Resources, Libraries, Counseling, Departments, and Scheduling
- Creating student and faculty-facing ZTC web pages
- Developing district-wide tracking system of ZTC courses
- District-wide marketing and communication to develop a marketing strategy with Marketing and Communication
- ZTC webpage
- Creating sustainable projects and procedures after grant funds are exhausted  
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More information about the Zero Textbook Cost Grants available on [California Community College Chancellor's Zero Textbook Cost Program page](#).

[CCC Chancellor's Office Memo 18 December 2024](#)