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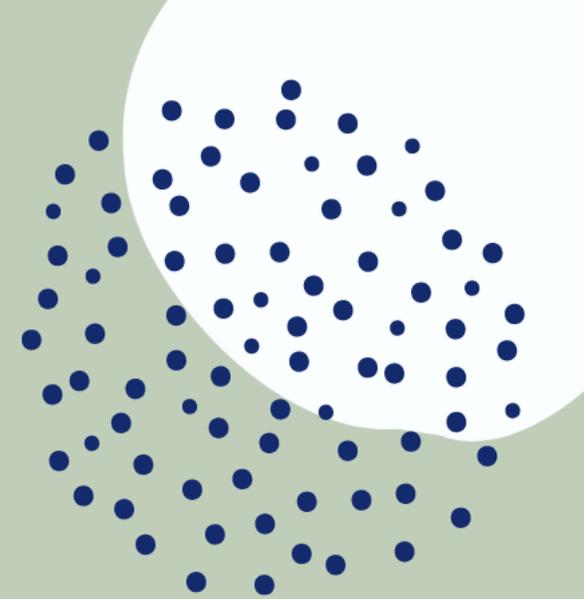
# Welcome to today's #WCETWebcast

**JUNE 30, 2022**

The webcast will begin shortly.

There is no audio being broadcast at this time.

An archive of this webcast will be available on the WCET website next week.

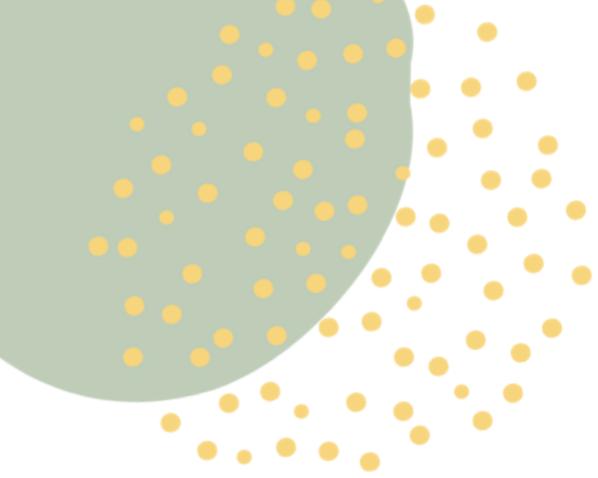




# LibreTexts OER Showcase and ED's Open Textbook Pilot Grant Program

June 30, 2022





*Use the question box for questions and information exchange.*

*Slides and shared resources will be emailed to attendees next week.*

*Slides can be downloaded via the link in chat.*

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# Welcome!



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# Questions from the Audience

*If you have a question during  
the presentation, please add it  
to the question box.*

*We will monitor the question  
box and have time for Q&A at  
the end of the webcast.*



# Moderator

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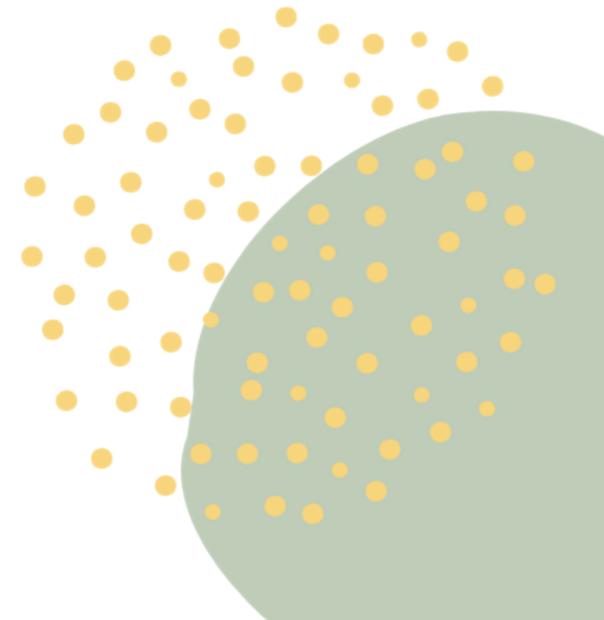
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Textbook Pilot Grant



# Open Textbook Pilot Grant

- The Open Textbook Pilot is a U.S. federal grant program that supports projects at institutions of higher education that create or expand the use of open textbooks to achieve savings for students.
- First funded by Congress in the bipartisan fiscal year 2018 government spending bill then renewed annually.
- A total of \$35 million has been appropriated for open textbook programs that benefit students across the country.



# Open Textbook Pilot Grant

On March 11, 2022, congress passed its FY22 funding package that included \$11 million for the Open Textbook Pilot Program.

A \$4 million increase over FY21.



# Open Textbook Pilot Grant

- The 2022 application period for the Open Textbook Pilot program was opened on May 26, 2022.
- The grant competition will award approximately \$2.6 million in federal funds to higher education institutions to create or expand the use of open textbooks.

**Applications are due July 25, 2022.**



# Federal Application

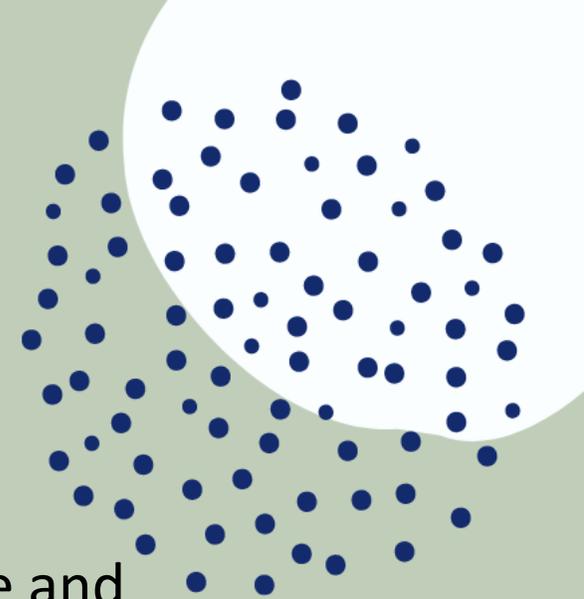
Absolute Priority 1—Improving Collaboration and Dissemination.

Absolute Priority 2—Addressing Gaps in the Open Textbook Marketplace and Bringing Solutions to Scale.

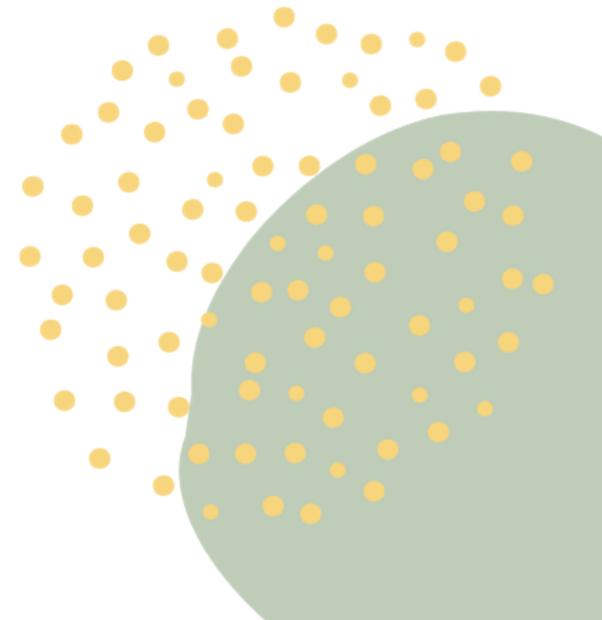
Absolute Priority 3—Promoting Student Success.

Competitive Priority=*Using Technology-Based Strategies for Personalized Learning and Continuous Improvement* (up to 5 points).

Invitation Priority=Participation by Minority-Serving Institutions and Community Colleges.



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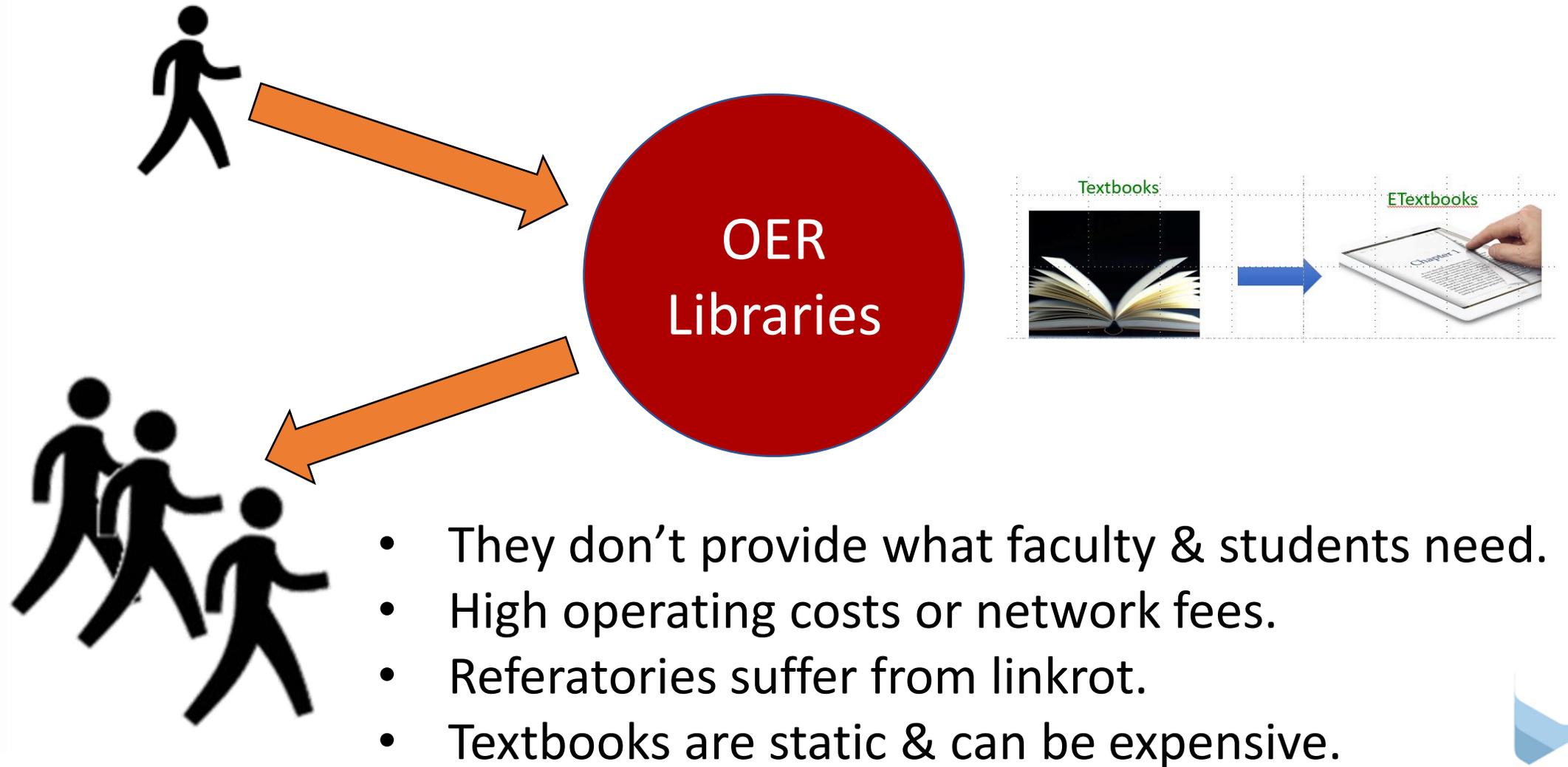




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# Truly Accessible – Technology

Repositories, referatories and printed books are not truly accessible

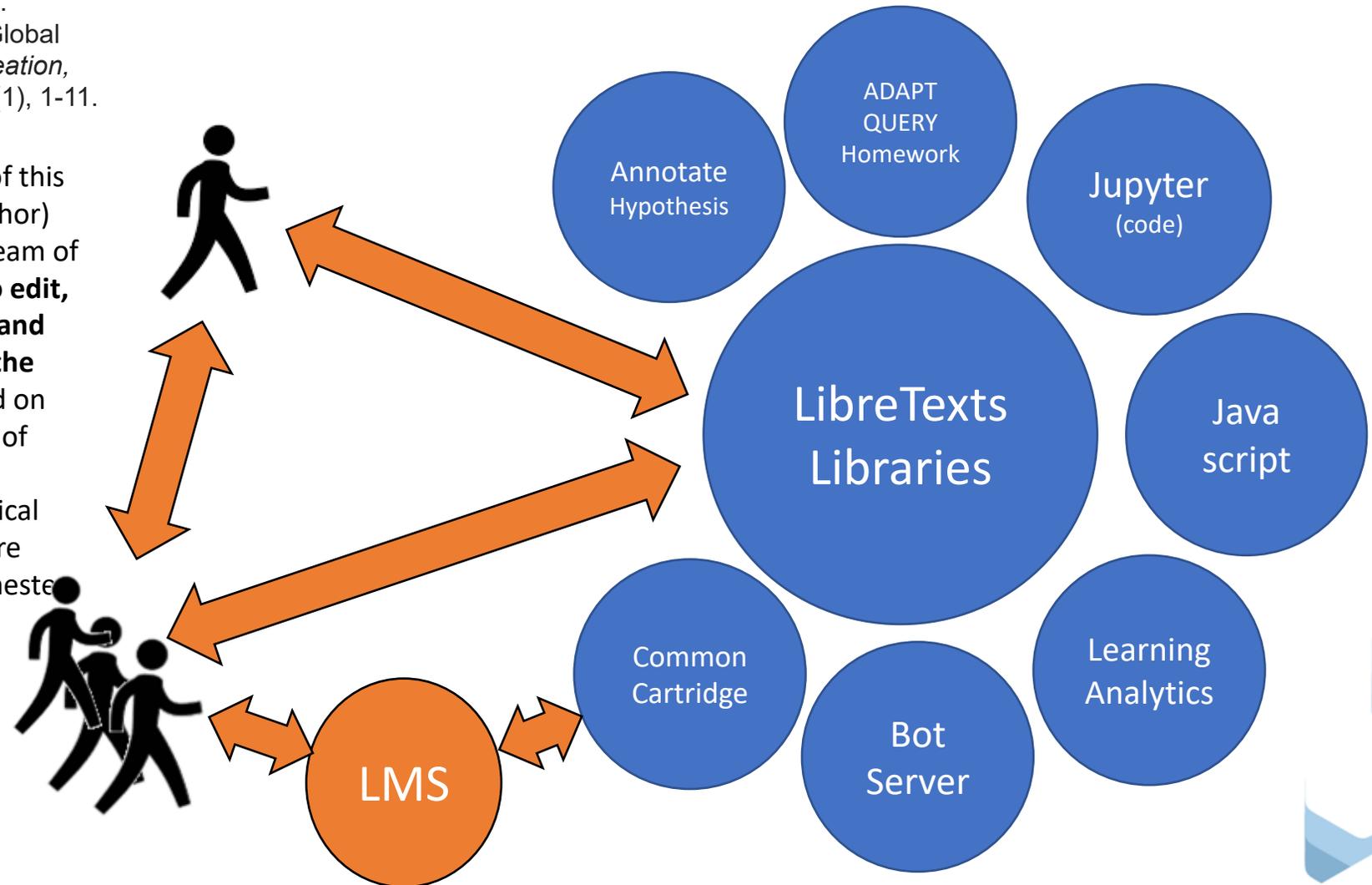


- They don't provide what faculty & students need.
- High operating costs or network fees.
- Referatories suffer from linkrot.
- Textbooks are static & can be expensive.

# Truly Accessible – Technology

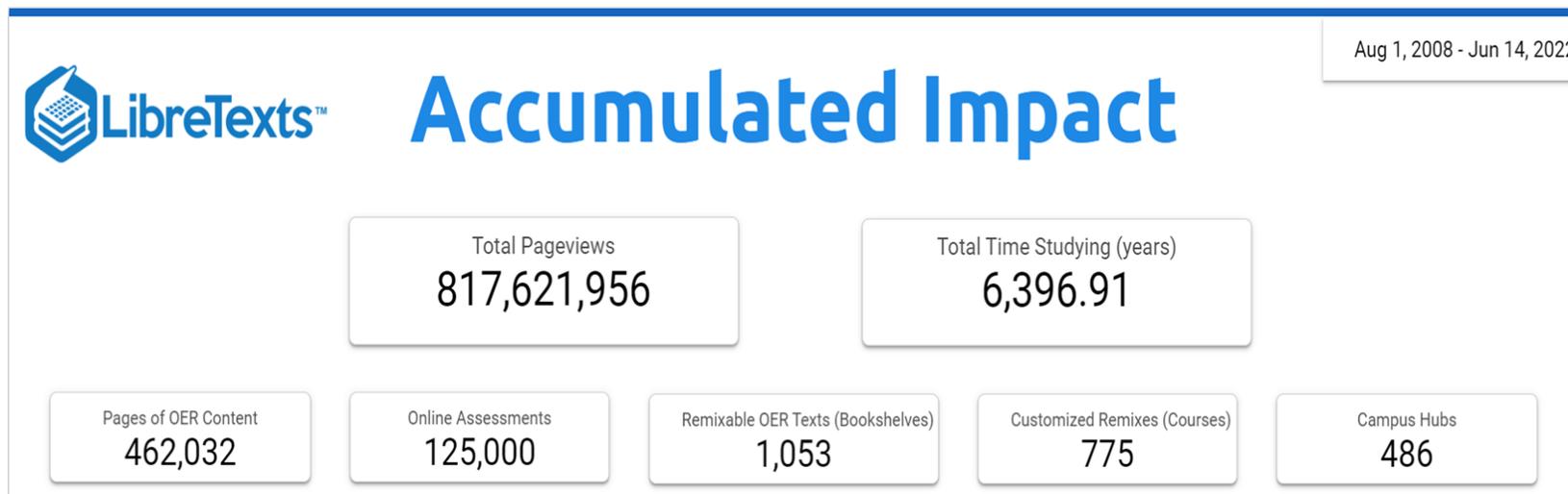
Bird, J., Blagburn, B., & Osborne, M. (2022). Reclaiming the Classics for a Diverse and Global World Through OER. *KULA: Knowledge Creation, Dissemination, and Preservation Studies*, 6(1), 1-11.

A LibreTexts grant enabled the co-authors of this article—the course instructor (and lead author) and two paid student researchers—and a team of summer-employed student collaborators **to edit, footnote, and create critical introductions and student activities for various key texts for the course**. Many of these texts are now hosted on the LibreTexts OER platform. Beta versions of enriched OER texts and activities were user tested in a synchronous hybrid virtual/physical classroom of twenty-five students, who were taking the course (HUST 292) in the fall semester of 2020.



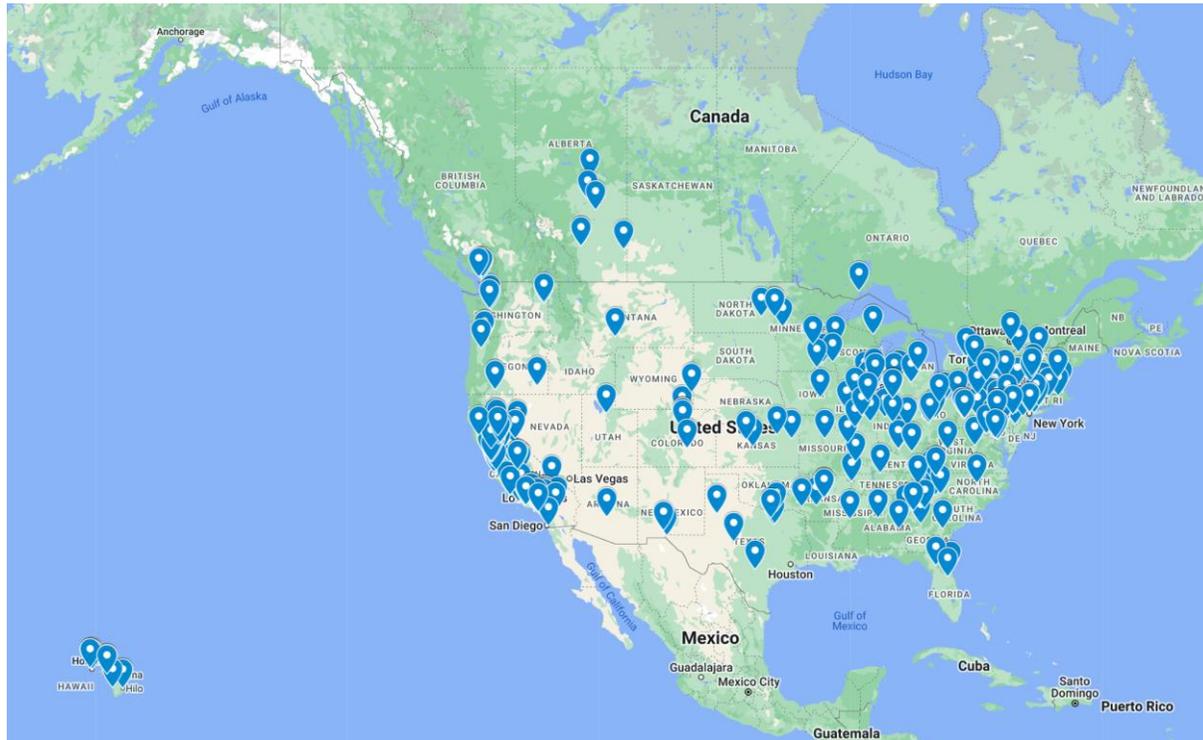
# LibreTexts Overview

- 1,283 LibreTexts across more than 14 libraries.
- 1,001 Custom LibreTexts (mostly remixes) from 275 Campuses with LibreTexts books and worldwide.
- Over 800 million site visits.

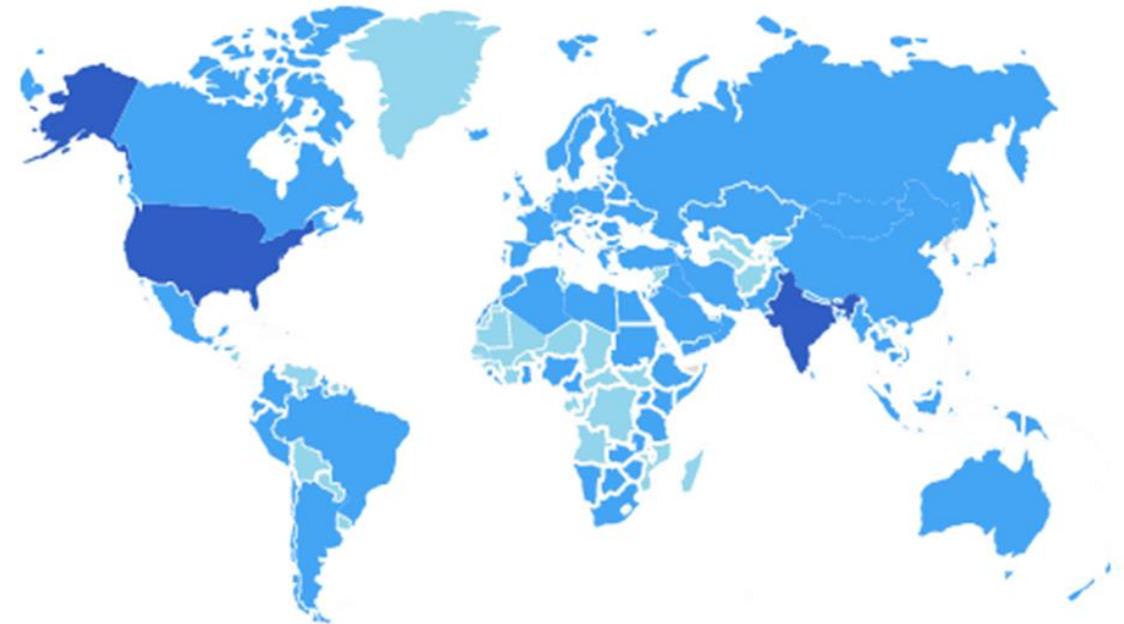


# LibreTexts Overview

## Books



## Site Visits



# LibreTexts-Josh Halpern, Outreach Team Chair

## Proposal Collaborators

- 9 institutions
- 2 CA Community College Districts
- 1 MD Community College
- 1 Women's College
- 2 R1s
- 2 PUIs
- 2 MSIs
- CSU Chancellor's Office
- 8 Funded Collaborators at other Institutions
- 3 Community Colleges
- 2 R1s
- 2 PUIs

## Four Teams

- Construction & Harvesting
- Assessment & Analysis
- Outreach & Dissemination
- Technology



# Grepping the difference btw 2018 & 2022 DoEd call

*Absolute Priority 1:* Proposal **must come from a consortium** of three or more Institutions.  
Inclusions of trade/professional organizations, workforce stakeholders.  
Not this year but next, **must** include MSIs and/or Community Colleges.

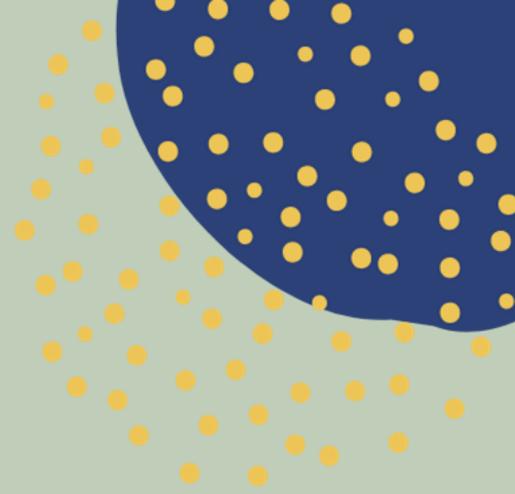
*Absolute Priority 2:* New materials must meet open standard protocols and be interoperable.  
Applicants **must** specifically name the standards they will use.

*Technology:* Support faculty and staff delivering the course.  
**Must** allow students to tailor their own learning or provide monitoring by faculty.  
**Must** be accessible by all students.  
**Must** incorporate universal design principles.  
**Must** be open and free – **seems** to only allow CC-BY.





# Questions from the Audience

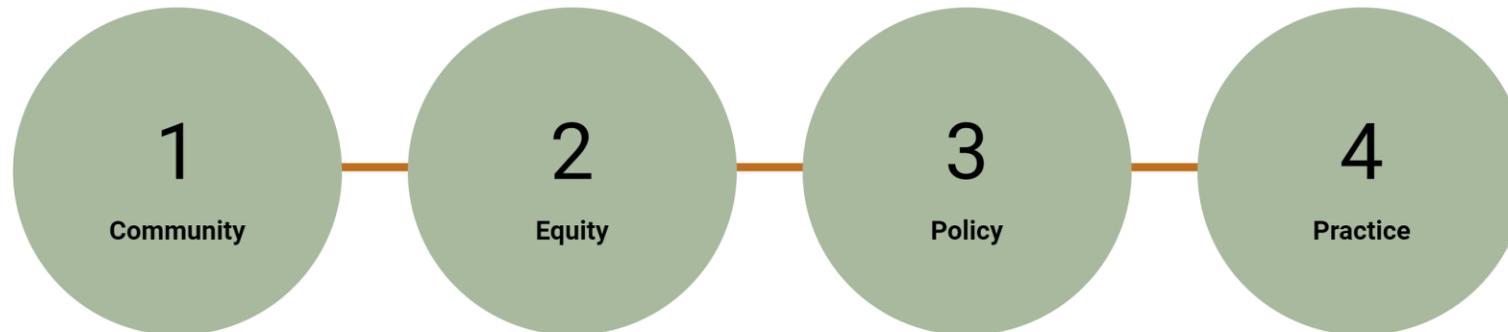


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WCET is the leader in the practice, policy, & advocacy of digital learning in higher education.



# Additional Information and Resources

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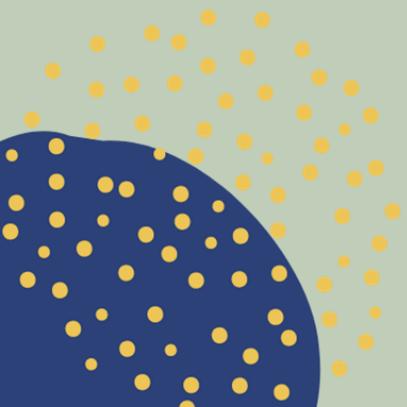
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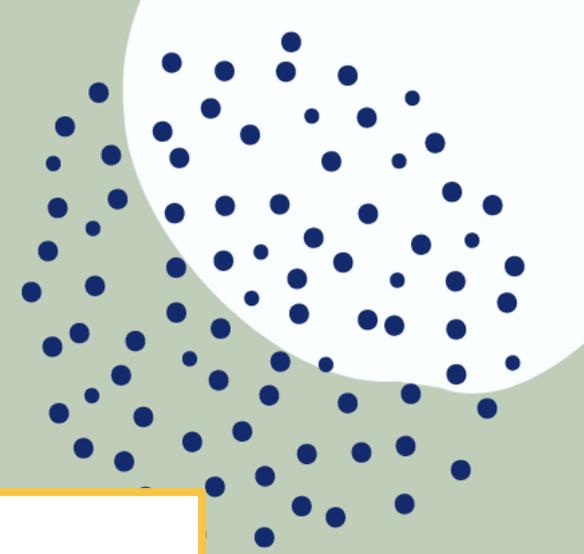
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