

## Affordable Instructional Materials (AIM) Grant – Fall 2019

### Fall 2019 AIM Initiative Dates:

- Grant Announced: October 2018
- Grant Application Deadline: Friday, March 1, 2019, by 5 pm
- Grant Recipients Notified: March 2019
- Project Implementation by Faculty: Fall 2019 semester
- Funds Delivered: Upon completion of project implementation and completion of a follow-up report

### AIM Initiative Goals and Details:

The UAB Center for Teaching and Learning and the UAB Bookstore are working together to provide an award of \$1500 in professional development funding\* to up to ten faculty members who propose and implement plans that save students money on academic course materials.

Project proposals will be accepted for implementation during an upcoming semester, and funding will be delivered upon completion of the project as well as the submission of a final report, which will be provided to faculty near the end of the implementation semester.

### AIM Initiative proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Impact on freshman, undergraduate, or graduate students in UAB academic courses
- Number of students impacted
- Estimated amount of money to be saved by students
- Project sustainability (faculty are expected to continue cost-saving measures every semester after implementation, however, grant funds are only awarded for the first semester of implementation)
- Project transferability
- Creativity and variety of cost-saving method

### AIM Initiative Deliverables:

If a grant application is accepted for funding, in collaboration (as needed) with support staff from the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL), the UAB Bookstore, and UAB Libraries, the recipient will:

- Implement the plan as submitted to save students money on academic course materials. Significant deviations from the plan must be approved by the Center for Teaching and Learning.
- As the implementation semester comes to an end, you will fill out a final report which outlines the actual savings compared to the estimated savings. This will be a relatively short Qualtrics survey that will arrive via email near the end of the implementation semester. \$1500 in professional development funds\* will be transferred upon a review of the final report.
- Agree to continue to use any cost-saving methods implemented this semester as part of this grant in subsequent semesters.
- Agree to serve as a resource for other UAB faculty members who may need assistance implementing their own Affordable Instructional Materials projects. This can be as simple as discussions and meetings with faculty in your area, or for more successful projects, presenting information on your project at a future Center for Teaching and Learning workshop.

\* *Professional development funds* are funds that will be transferred to a UAB account within a department or unit that faculty can use for UAB-approved purchases, such as technology, travel, or professional development.

**For more information:** <https://www.uab.edu/faculty/ctl/aim>

**To apply for this grant:** [https://uab.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_bOgVkgkHykvMz49](https://uab.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bOgVkgkHykvMz49)