**Formal Student Outreach Message**

Subject: Students, share your college course material experiences!

Illinois college student,

You are invited to voluntarily participate in a research study. The **“**[**2023 Illinois Course Materials Survey: Student Perspective**](https://redcap.healthinstitute.illinois.edu/surveys/?s=NM4X3MRCRKFLM84C)**”** provides a voice for you, the student, to share information about the cost of your textbooks and instructional materials, the impact that textbook costs are having on your education, your preferences for course material formats and qualities, and your experience with affordable course materials.

This research study is an effort of the Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) and its Open Educational Resources Committee. CARLI is a unit of the University of Illinois System.

The survey will take 10 minutes or less to complete. It remains open throughout 2023 to allow participation during all 2023 academic terms.

**Eligibility:**

* To participate, you must have been 18 years of age or older at the start of your selected 2023 academic term.
* You must have attended a not-for-profit institution of higher education in Illinois during that term.

Your input will contribute to the body of knowledge on student textbook and instructional material costs and their impacts on Illinois college students. There is no financial compensation or credit awarded for participating in this study.

**Confidentiality:**

There is no risk to participating in this study beyond minimal everyday risk. You may withdraw from this study at any time for any reason.

You will not be asked to identify yourself at any time. You will be asked to: agree to participate, select an academic term, identify if you were 18 years of age or older when the term began, and indicate your institution name. All other questions are optional.

Data collected through this study will not contain any personally identifying information. All data will be stored in a secure electronic system. CARLI staff collecting data will maintain confidentiality to the extent of federal and state laws and university policies. Anonymous aggregated results may be shared with the institution that you attend. The results of this study may be published or presented using this anonymous data. Your anonymous responses could be used for future research without additional informed consent.

**Contact Information:**

If you have any questions about the research study, please contact Nicole Swanson via email at [long20@uillinois.edu](mailto:long20@uillinois.edu) or CARLI Support at [support@CARLI.illinois.edu.](mailto:support@CARLI.illinois.edu) If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a participant, please contact the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Office for the Protection of Research Subjects at 217-333-2670 or via email at [irb@illinois.edu](mailto:irb@illinois.edu).

**Participate:**

[**Begin the "2023 Illinois Course Materials Survey: Student Perspective”!**](https://redcap.healthinstitute.illinois.edu/surveys/?s=NM4X3MRCRKFLM84C)

Thank you for sharing your experiences with course materials!