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The Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries in Illinois (CARLI) announces \$348,579 in funding for Round Two Illinois SCOERs Subgrant Awards

CARLI is pleased to announce Round Two awards for the “Illinois SCOERs: Support for the Creation of Open Educational Resources” Subgrants, funded by the Open Textbooks Pilot Grant received from the Fund for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE) and the U.S. Department of Education.

CARLI received excellent proposals to create open textbooks and ancillary materials for courses with large enrollments and for courses in the focus area, “The Human Condition: Care, Development, and Lifespan.” Open textbooks are free to students and free to be remixed and reused by others. Books created by awardees will utilize 3D printing as a pedagogical tool and will be available for use in the summer 2023. The Open Educational Resources (OER) textbooks created through the subgrants will save Illinois college students the cost of the textbooks.

Thanks to the generous grant funding CARLI received from the U.S. Department of Education, CARLI is able to fund six innovative projects representing thirteen institutions across the state. Among the institutions are community colleges, state universities, and private colleges and universities.

The six Round Two Illinois SCOERs Subgrant Awards totaling \$348,578.71 are:

1. Southern Illinois University Carbondale, “Foundational Courses in the Theory and Practice of Media Arts” - \$59,990
2. Parkland College, “Traces: An Open Invitation to Archaeology” – \$51,643.44
3. Illinois Institute of Technology, “Freshman Experience in Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality in Engineering Graphics Using Open Educational Resources” - \$59,198.04
4. Moraine Valley Community College, “Pharmacology-Principles/Application for Medical Assistants” - \$59,931
5. Lincoln Land Community College, “Lessening Financial Barriers and Increasing Inquiry and Community Engagement for Health Professions and Science Students: An OER for Human Nutrition” - \$59,895.83
6. Governors State University, “Human Sexuality from A Sex Positivity Perspective” – \$57,920.40

Please join CARLI in congratulating the awardees for their successful proposals and stay tuned for more news about the projects and upcoming workshops related to OER creation and publications.

For more information about these OER, read the project abstracts at <https://www.carli.illinois.edu/products-services/collections-management/IllinoisSCOERsRound2Abstracts>.

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