



AB Textbook Broke

Alberta has a foundation for success in open education.

Open education resources aligns with priorities outlined in AB 2030 - specifically Goal 1 Objective 7: "Support the expansion of Open Educational Resources, such as course materials and textbooks."

Alberta is home to one of the UNESCO/ICDE Chairs in Open Education - Rory McGreal from Athabasca University. Additionally, Alberta will host the major international conference in Open Education in 2023 when NorQuest College from Edmonton serves as the host city for Open Education Global. Finally, Post-secondary institutions from across the province are already collaborating on a province wide open education publishing program Open Education Alberta.

Alberta had a provincial OER program that projected millions in savings.

This provincial initiative was a three-year program from 2014-2017. It was forecasted to result in savings of over \$5 million in five years; however, true cost savings are unknown because the initiative was ended.

Alberta is falling behind other provinces.

\$23.8m

Cost savings in BC. Initial investment was only \$3m.

\$15.5 m

Cost savings in Ontario. Average savings per learner is \$101.16

\$250K

Invested by the Saskatchewan government for OER development.