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Application Summary

Competition Details

Competition Title: Textbook Transformation Grants, Round Twelve (Fall 2018-2019)

Category: University System of Georgia

Award Cycle: Round 12

Submission Deadline: 09/13/2018 at 11:59 PM

Application Information

Submitted By: Soma Mukhopadhyay

Application ID: 2600
Application Title: 389

Date Submitted: 09/11/2018 at 8:30 AM

Personal Details

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Applicant First Name: Soma

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Final Semester of Project

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Type of Grant

No-or-Low-Cost-to-Students Learning Materials

Course Title(s)

BIOL 2111 (Human Anatomy & Physiology - I) & BIOL 2112 (Human Anatomy & Physiology - II)

Course Number(s)

BIOL 2111 & BIOL 2112

Team Member 1 Name

Lisa Ruggiero-Wagner

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Additional Team Members (Name and email address for each)

N/A

Sponsor Name

Dr Richard Griner

Sponsor Title

Associate Professor and Department Chair

Sponsor Department

Department of Biological Sciences

Original Required Commercial Materials (title, author, price)

Not Applicable

Average Number of Students per Course Section Affected by Project in One Academic Year

i) BIOL 2111 - 28/section ii) BIOL 2112- 28/section

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- Stage 7: NOVEMBER 2019 Data collection
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Budget

Itemized Total

1. Compensation for Personnel: \$ 9999.00

Soma Mukhopadhyay: \$ 5275

Lisa Ruggiero-Wagner:\$ 4724

2. Supplies: \$ 314.00

Fisher Science Education™ Preserved Specimens:

Rabbit Triple Skinned (Catalog No: S1060S)

65.50/rabbit X 4 = 262.00

Shipping & Tax = 52.00

3. Travel \$ 486.00

(To attend the Mandatory Kick Off Meeting)

Soma Mukhopadhyay: \$ 243

Lisa Wagner: \$ 243

Total requested Budget \$ 10,799.00

Sustainability Plan

We will use this Rabbit Atlas for Human Anatomy & Physiology courses (BIOL 2111 & BIOL 2112) beginning Fall 2019 (Pilot). Both of these courses are offered every semester (as detailed in the Project information section). The Atlas will be used after modifications (if any) and it will be shared by all the instructors in our Department for adoption.

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Acknowledgment

Grant Acceptance

[Acknowledged] I understand and acknowledge that acceptance of Affordable Learning Georgia grant funding constitutes a commitment to comply with the required activities listed in the RFP and that my submitted proposal will serve as the statement of work that must be completed by my project team. I further understand and acknowledge that failure to complete the deliverables in the statement of work may result in termination of the agreement and funding.



September 7, 2018

Dear Review Committee,

I enthusiastically support the application for an Affordable Learning Georgia Textbook Transformation Grant by Dr. Soma Mukhopadhyay and Ms. Lisa Ruggiero-Wagner. Both of these excellent faculty teach BIOL 2111 & 2112 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II at Augusta University (AU). Enrollment in these courses exceeds 800 students each academic year who are preparing for future healthcare programs such as Nursing, Medicine, Physical Therapy and numerous other programs that are also offered by AU.

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Thank you for your consideration of this proposal to develop a no-cost resource for our students that will be used for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Richard Griner, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Chair

DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

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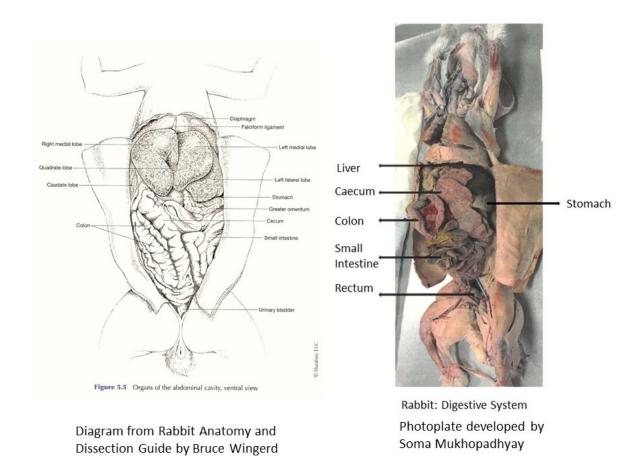
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Rabbit Anatomy: A Photographic Atlas and Dissection Guide — Transformation Action Plan

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 - For Human Anatomy & Physiology II: Endocrine, Cardiovascular, Respiratory, Digestive, Urinary and Reproductive Systems
- Stage 4: MAY 2019 Peer review of newly developed resource by departmental faculty
- Stage 5: JUNE- AUGUST 2019 Improvement, modifications and completion of atlas based on peer review. Development of surveys (qualitative & quantitative); IRB approval
- Stage 6: AUGUST-NOVEMBER 2019 Adoption of Open-Access resource (as a pilot) for student educational experience
- Stage 7: NOVEMBER 2019 Data collection
- Stage 8: DECEMBER 2019 Data analysis and submit final report

6. Budget

Itemized Total

1. Compensation for Personnel: \$ 9999.00
Soma Mukhopadhyay: \$ 5275
Lisa Ruggiero-Wagner:\$ 4724

2. Supplies: \$ 314.00

Fisher Science Education™ Preserved Specimens:

Rabbit Triple Skinned (Catalog No: S1060S)

\$65.50/rabbit X 4 = \$ 262.00 Shipping & Tax = 52.00

3. Travel \$ 486.00

(To attend the Mandatory Kick Off Meeting)

Soma Mukhopadhyay: \$ 243 Lisa Wagner: \$ 243

Total requested Budget \$ 10,799.00

7. Sustainability Plan

We will use this Rabbit Atlas for Human Anatomy & Physiology courses (BIOL 2111 & BIOL 2112) beginning Fall 2019 (Pilot). Both of these courses are offered every semester (as detailed in the Project information section). The Atlas will be used after modifications (if any) and it will be shared by all the instructors in our Department for adoption.

The Atlas will be available through Galileo as well as Brightspace/D2L (Learning Management System of our University). Students will have access to this resource from day one of the semester. Improvements and additions will be made on the basis of peer feedback and surveys.

We will present our work at the University Faculty Forum and submit the proposal for conference presentation.