

MEMORANDUM

To: Faculty, University of Toronto Scarborough
Chairs, University of Toronto Scarborough
Cc: Chairs' Assistants, Departmental Assistants/Undergraduate Coordinators *Katherine R. Larson*
From: Professor Katherine R. Larson, Vice-Dean Teaching, Learning & Undergraduate Programs
Date: 16 June 2023
Re: **Updated Digital Course Materials Initiative Fall 2023**
Note: For distribution broadly

In partnership with the Office of the Vice-Principal Academic & Dean, the U of T Bookstore, and the Centre for Teaching Support & Innovation (CTSI), a digital-first course material delivery model has been launched after pilots running in 2022 and Winter 2023. This delivery model seeks to address the significant number of students who have foregone course materials in recent years, risking their academic success. Student feedback indicates that pricing and ease of access are the biggest barriers to getting their materials. This initiative aims to remove these obstacles and improve the student experience.

Launched in January 2022, the program has reached over 3,000 students at U of T Scarborough. The program integrates course materials directly within Quercus through the combined efforts of the Bookstore, the University's Academic & Collaborative Technologies (ACT) team, and digital distribution company, Willo Labs. For more information on the integration - [Willo Labs \(CTSI\)](#).

Although the model is digital-first, it is by no means digital-only. The Bookstore will continue to work with staff and faculty to ensure they can assign their preferred course materials and will stock print materials when available to ensure that students who prefer hard copies can still get what they need.

To ensure your course materials are integrated into Quercus prior to the start of the Fall 2023 term, please take note of the participation deadlines:

Courseware submission deadline - **Friday, 21 July** for Quercus integrations
eBook submission deadline - **Friday, 18 August** for Quercus integrations

Further information will follow from the Bookstore in their call for course materials for the upcoming term. For questions or to confirm your participation in Fall 2023 please contact:

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