



## The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation awards Educopia \$245,000 to support capacity and business planning for Cita Press

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Public Knowledge program has awarded Educopia Institute ([educopia.org](http://educopia.org)) a grant for \$245,000 USD to work in close partnership with Cita Press ([citapress.org](http://citapress.org)), publisher of open-access books by female authors, to build capacity and develop a sustainability roadmap for the press.

The award will help refine and scale Cita publication workflows; establish an advisory board to assist with strategic planning and fundraising; publish more books—including one in Spanish in order to engage and attract a broader network of readers and contributors, and implement a formal organizational model and business development plan for the press.

In direct alignment with the objectives of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation's Public Knowledge Program, Cita Press celebrates the spread of culture and knowledge by publishing the writings of female authors whose works are open-licensed or in the public domain. Through its library of collaboratively designed free books, Cita honors the principles of decentralization, collective knowledge production, and equitable access to knowledge.

Cita, founded in 2018 by designer Juliana Castro, has published 10 texts with various more under development. Cita's titles include an essay by Mary Anne Evans (more known as George Eliot) and the classic "The Yellow Wall-Paper" by Charlotte Perkins Gilman. The publications expected for the course of the grant include a selection of the female Nobel Literature Laureate Lectures and St. Theresa's *Meditaciones*.

We're delighted with the news and looking forward to the work ahead!

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