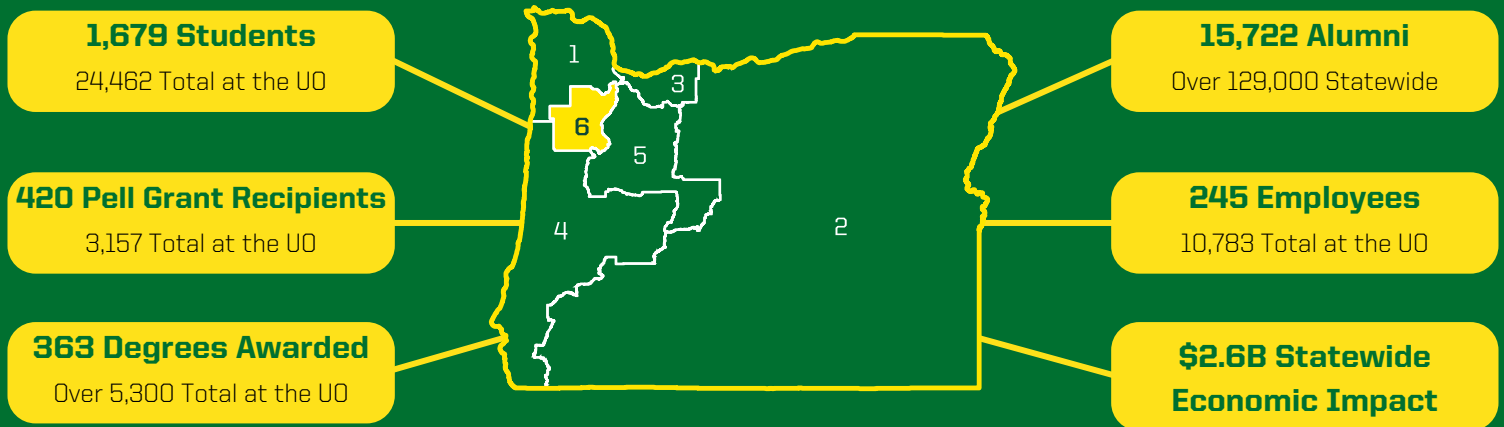




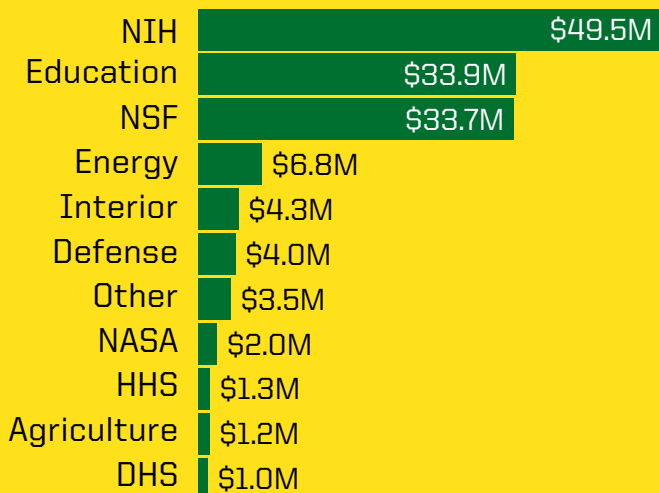
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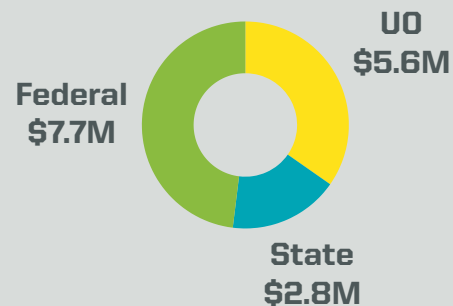
## UO's Resident Undergraduate Student Profile:



## RESEARCH AWARDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024



## FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS IN CD 6



- 1,058 Institutional Awards to UO Students
- 327 PathwayOregon Students
- 420 Pell Grant Recipients
- 410 Oregon Opportunity Grant Recipients

# HIGHLIGHTS: UO DRIVES SOLUTIONS & STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES IN CD 6

## Improving Behavioral Health Outcomes

The **Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health** is creating a new profession – the **child behavioral health specialist** – that requires only an undergraduate degree to deliver behavioral health services at schools, the healthcare system, and other community settings. The program emphasizes training in the early identification of behavioral health concerns and delivery of interventions that can prevent the onset of mental health problems in young people. The first cohort of students—the very first in the nation to earn bachelor's degrees in child behavioral health—will graduate in 2026.

The Ballmer Institute also offers a **graduate microcredential** in child behavioral health that equips educators and other youth-serving professionals with evidence-based behavioral health practices designed to promote youth behavioral health and well-being. Educators in districts like **Tigard-Tualatin** and **West Linn-Wilsonville** have participated in the program, helping expand behavioral health support in local schools.



## Culturally Tailored Intervention

Supported by NIH funding, **Oregon Saludable: Juntos Podemos (OSJP)** was a University of Oregon-led project to expand COVID-19 testing to underserved Latinx communities across the state of Oregon in collaboration with community and county partners. As a culturally-tailored and trauma-informed intervention, it included outreach, health education, and support identifying resources. Follow-up research showed more than 3.5x the number of Latinx individuals were tested for COVID-19 at sites where Promotores (bilingual members from participating counties trained to provide outreach and on-site COVID-19 education) conducted outreach than at control testing sites.

## Sustainable Soil Management

UO ecologists, supported by a \$2 million USDA grant, are pioneering a soil health management system to enhance the resilience of Oregon's hazelnut farms, including partnering with 20 farms across the Willamette Valley to demonstrate the economic and ecological benefits of the new system. The innovative approach combines research and sustainable farming practices to boost soil quality, improve climate resilience, and support continued growth for one of Oregon's key crops.



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