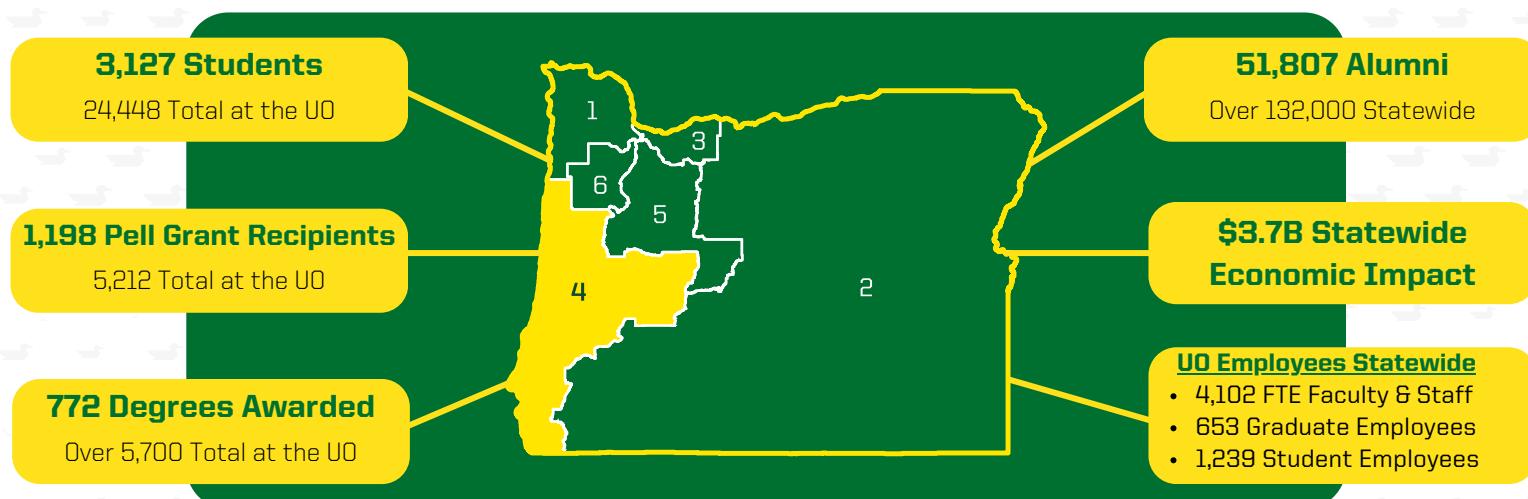




# DUCKS IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 4



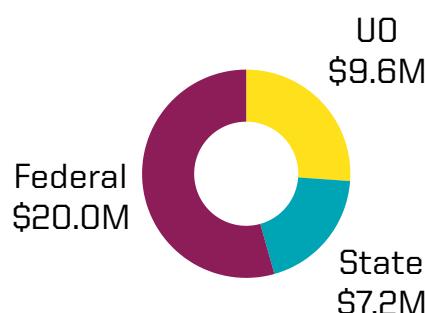
## UO's Resident Undergraduate Student Profile:

<b>27%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>38%</b>
ARE FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS	RECEIVED FEDERAL PELL GRANTS	ARE TRANSFER STUDENTS	IDENTIFY AS NATIVE AMERICAN, ASIAN, BLACK, LATINO/A/X, OR PACIFIC ISLANDER

## NEW RESEARCH AWARDS IN FISCAL YEAR 2025



## FINANCIAL AID TO STUDENTS IN CD 4



- 1,198 Pell Grant Recipients
- 1,022 Oregon Opportunity Grant Recipients
- 1,727 Institutional Awards to UO Students
- 575 PathwayOregon Students

# HIGHLIGHTS: UO DRIVES SOLUTIONS & STRENGTHENS COMMUNITIES IN CD 4

## Southern Willamette Valley Innovation Corridor

Anchored by two world-class public research universities—UO and OSU—the **Southern Willamette Valley Innovation Corridor** aims to build a long-term strategy that connects academic innovation with industry momentum, land readiness, and quality of place. One that makes room for new ideas without sacrificing the landscapes and values that define the area. The Southern Willamette Valley Innovation Corridor Initiative is a collaborative, region-wide planning and partnership for innovation-driven economic growth.

## Addressing Youth Behavioral Health

The **Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health** is reshaping child behavioral health care in Oregon and beyond by strengthening early identification, prevention, and workforce development. The Ballmer Institute expanded screening and preventive interventions in local Oregon schools through a \$1.3 million community-initiated project and is partnering with UO's **Prevention Science Institute** on an \$11 million National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded national center for children's mental health.

The Ballmer Institute also offers a graduate microcredential in child behavioral health, equipping educators and other youth-serving professionals with evidence-based behavioral health practices to support youth well-being. **Bethel, Springfield, and Siuslaw** were among the top five school districts by participation, along with participants from **Blachly, Oakridge, and Lowell**.

## Protecting Oregonians from Hazards

In 2023, the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded \$15M to establish the **Cascadia Region Earthquake Science Center (CRESCENT)**, the nation's first subduction zone earthquake hazards center, housed at UO. CRESCENT advances earthquake research and preparedness while training the next generation of geoscientists and building a Pacific Northwest community of practice.

The **Oregon Hazards Lab (OHAZ)** equips emergency responders with real-time wildfire tracking through a network of cameras across the state and maintains seismic monitoring stations that power the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) ShakeAlert earthquake early warning system in Oregon. **OHAZ operates 73 seismic stations and 17 wildfire cameras in CD 4**, enhancing safety in the region that is most exposed to the combined threat of earthquakes and wildfire. A \$15M NSF grant bolstered this work by creating the **Center for Land Surface Hazards Center (CLASH)**, led by the University of Michigan in collaboration with UO and other partners.

## Blue Carbon: Understanding Coastal Ecosystems

At the **Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB)** in Charleston, UO leads the **Coastal Trophic Ecology Lab**, conducting research on kelp forest ecology and nearshore marine food webs off the **Oregon Coast**. Using field observation, biomarkers, experimental studies, and modeling, this work improves understanding of how environmental change affects kelp forests and coastal ecosystems. Competitive research awards from federal agencies like the NSF support the conservation of one of the West Coast's most productive and biodiverse marine habitats.

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