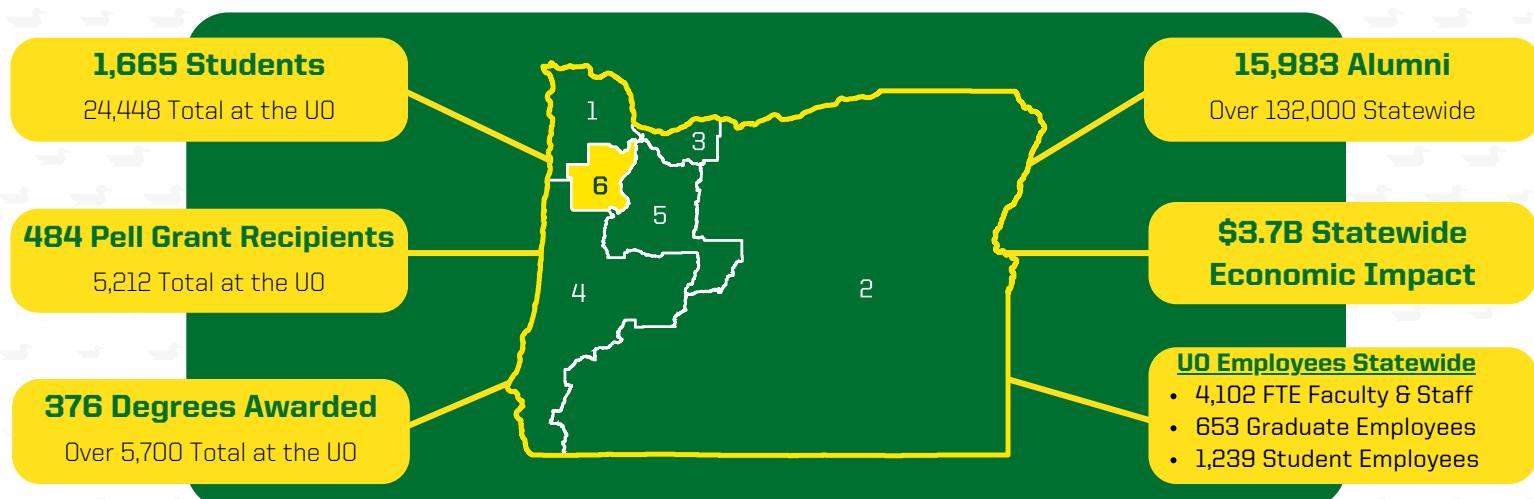




# DUCKS IN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 6



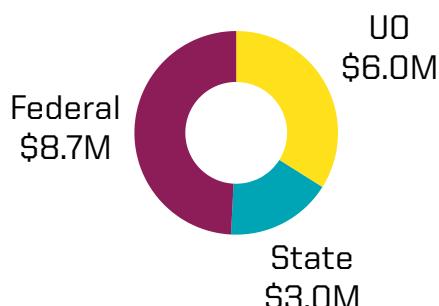
## UO's Resident Undergraduate Student Profile:

<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 6



- 484 Pell Grant Recipients
- 444 Oregon Opportunity Grant Recipients
- 1,084 Institutional Awards to UO Students
- 336 PathwayOregon Students

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

## Partnering with Local Communities

The **Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP)** at UO has partnered with local governments in CD 6 over the past 16 years to address locally-defined challenges, including partnerships with the cities of **Tigard, Tualatin** and **Salem**. The program pairs students and faculty with an Oregon city, county, special district, or tribe for a full academic year to work on partner-identified projects aligned with community work plans and goals.

## Advancing Youth Behavioral Health

The **Ballmer Institute for Children's Behavioral Health** is reshaping behavioral health care in Oregon and beyond by advancing early identification, prevention, and workforce development. The Ballmer Institute has 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 grant to launch a national center for children's mental health.

## Sustainable Soil Management

UO ecologists, supported by a \$2 million U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) grant, are pioneering a soil health management system to enhance the resilience of Oregon's hazelnut farms, including partnering with **20 orchards across the Willamette Valley** to demonstrate the economic and ecological benefits of the new system. The innovative approach combines native conservation cover and soil amendments to boost soil quality, improve climate resilience, and support continued growth for one of Oregon's key crops.

## Advancing Research, Innovation, and Opportunity for Oregonians

Backed by funding from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and in alignment with Oregon's \$10M AI workforce initiative, UO leads the **Cyberinfrastructure Alliance for Oregon (CIAO)**, a statewide collaboration across Oregon's seven public universities, industry, and the State.

Already, CIAO enables shared access to advanced computing through the Oregon Regional Computing Accelerator (ORCA), a free GPU-accelerated resource hosted at PSU, while planning for future statewide capacity. The alliance **strengthens CD 6's innovation ecosystem** by supporting research partnerships, tech startups, and a skilled talent pipeline that enables breakthroughs in healthcare, clean energy, and sustainable urban development.

## Quantum Opportunities for Industry and Workforce

In 2024, NSE awarded UO a one-year, \$1 million grant through its National Quantum Virtual Laboratory (NSF NQVL) initiative to explore practical applications for emerging quantum technologies and move discoveries beyond the lab. Researchers and graduate students in UO's **Oregon Center for Optical, Molecular, and Quantum Science** study the fundamental interactions between light and matter, leading to the development of new technologies to control light and matter with extreme precision in a broad range of applications from enhanced microscopy, spectroscopy, and communications to quantum computing and sensing. UO graduates with these advanced degrees fulfill positions at Oregon semiconductor companies, along with Google, Boeing, and the U.S. Department of Defense.

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