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* UO’s program that ensures academically-qualified Pell Grant-eligible Oregonians will have their tuition and fees paid through a combination of federal, state and university funds.

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These are just a few examples of the many ways UO students, researchers, and programs contribute to the State of Oregon. Learn more at uoregon.edu/impact.

Meeting Industry Workforce Needs

Every year the Knight Campus Graduate Internship Program (KCGIP) enrolls 80-100 students pursuing master’s degrees in focus areas of semiconductors, optics, polymers, sensors and genomics. Students are placed in paid internships at companies in Oregon and beyond. 90% of internship graduates are employed within their field in three months, and companies benefit from skilled scientists with real-world experience.

With support from the state through a Workforce Ready Grant, KCGIP is expanding the Oregon Pathways to Industrial Research Careers, an NSF grant-funded program that supports Pell grant-eligible students as they move through community college and the UO to high-wage science and engineering careers. Students start at Central Oregon, Lane, and Umpqua CCs and transfer to UO to earn physics, chemistry, or biochemistry degrees, and then pursue an industry-focused master’s degree through the KCGIP.

A New Approach for Improving the Behavioral Health and Well Being of Children

The Ballmer Institute for Children’s Behavioral Health, located in the UO’s new NE Portland campus, is creating a new profession – the child behavioral health specialist – that only requires an undergraduate degree to deliver behavioral health services in 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 program prioritizes the needs of youth who have been historically or persistently underserved and will be shaped by the input of community stakeholders. The first cohort of child behavioral health specialists will graduate in 2026.

Transforming Oregon’s Cities

The City of Salem is the UO’s Sustainable City Year Program (SCYP) partner for the 2023-24 academic year. In its 15th year, the year-long partnership between SCYP and individual cities helps communities solve problems of today and lay the groundwork for a sustainable, livable future – all while helping hundreds of UO students prepare for the workforce through applied learning.

This year students and professors are engaged in more than 20 courses directed at high priority City of Salem-identified projects, including the examining the role of AI and technology for cities, applying an equity framework for a city operations fee, a walkability and corridor assessment, and exploring passive cooling options for city-owned facilities.