The difference Ducks make in Senate District 5

Creating Oregon's Workforce

District 5
- 2,858 Alumni
- $2.6B Economic Footprint

Statewide
- 124,031 Alumni Living in Oregon
- 32 Spinout Companies

78% of recent graduates are working, attending school, or performing some type of intensive service [e.g., Peace Corps]. Among UO’s top 10 peer institutions, only two report a higher percentage of recent graduates working or continuing their education.

By the Numbers

District 5
- 187 Current Students
- 45 Degrees Awarded

UO
- 23,834 Current Students
- 5,300 Degrees Awarded

Making College Affordable

District 5
- 65 Pell Grant Recipients
- 39 PathwayOregon* Students
- 60 Oregon Opportunity Grant Awards**
- 2,143 Financial Aid Awards

Statewide
- 3,167 Pell Grant Recipients
- 2,968 Oregon Opportunity Grant Awards**
- 8,340 Financial Aid Awards
- $104M in Total Aid

To learn more about the UO’s impact, contact us at gcr@uoregon.edu or visit gcr.uoregon.edu/oregon-impact

* 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.

** The Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) is Oregon’s largest state-funded, need-based grant program for college students.

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In 2022–23 unmet financial aid need for all UO resident students was $63.3 million

Sources: UO Institutional Research; UO Student Services and Enrollment Management; Tim Duy, Economic Impact 2020-21 Update
These are just a few examples of the many ways UO students, researchers, and programs contribute to the State of Oregon. Learn more at gcr.uoregon.edu.

A Spectacular Place to Study Marine Organisms and Ecosystems

The UO’s Oregon Institute of Marine Biology (OIMB), located in Charleston, has been teaching and conducting research on the southern Oregon coast since 1924. The facility includes offices, labs, and residences for more than a dozen faculty, 350 undergraduate students, a dozen graduate students, and residential and research space for visiting scientists.

OIMB operates the Charleston Marine Life Center, OIMB’s public outreach center open to the public year-round. During the 2022-23 academic year, the center hosted more than 15,000 visitors, including 2,540 K-12 students from 60 schools, camps, and youth organizations throughout Southwest Oregon, including Ashland, Central Point, Coquille, Eugene, Glide, Mapleton, Medford, Myrtle Point, Newport, Port Orford, Powers, Roseburg, Sutherlin, Toledo and Wolf Creek.

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.

Promoting Resiliency Through Multi-Hazard Early Warning and Monitoring

UO’s Oregon Hazards Lab (OHAZ) operates two networks that analyze, monitor, and mitigate multi-hazards in Oregon.

In collaboration with the U.S. Geological Survey and other public and private partners, the lab operates ShakeAlert, the West Coast onshore earthquake early warning system that provides seconds to minutes of warning of impending ground shaking. The warning from hundreds of sensors placed throughout Oregon, including 3 sensors in SD 5, allows individuals to carry out pre-determined actions for safety, and, through automation, industry, utilities and transportation sectors are able to power down or protect critical operations.

With funding support from the State of Oregon and the Bureau of Land Management, OHAZ also operates the Oregon portion of the ALERTWildfire network. State-of-the-art Pan-Tilt-Zoom fire cameras, including 45 in Oregon and 2 in SD 5, help first responders confirm fire ignition, scale fire resources up or down, monitor fire behavior, and help evacuations through enhanced situational awareness.