

Government and Community Relations coordinates the University of Oregon's legislative and advocacy efforts at the federal, state, and local levels. Our mission is to build and strengthen relationships with the university's constituencies and encourage investment in and support for the university, its programs, and its initiatives.

We can help! Are you participating in meetings with policy-makers in Eugene, Salem or Washington, D.C.? Do you want to invite an elected official to a campus meeting or event? Please contact us. We can help guide you and make your outreach to government officials more successful. Your interactions with elected officials may invoke state and federal lobbying and gift rules. Government and Community Relations staff manage compliance with these rules, and we are glad to advise you.

Federal Affairs

- Develops the university's federal legislative budget and policy agenda;
- Monitors and assesses federal legislation, appropriations, programs, and proposals;
- Serves as the liaison between the university and members of the Oregon congressional delegation, congressional committees, and certain federal officials;
- Coordinates the UO's participation in federal advocacy coalitions including the Association of American Universities, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, The Science Coalition, and LEARN Coalition.

State Affairs:

- Represents the university on matters relating to state support and legislative priorities;
- Coordinates contact with individual legislators and state officials on campus;
- Monitors and assesses impact of all relevant state legislation and agency proposals;
- Serves as staff liaisons to the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission.

Community Relations:

- Serves as the liaison between local governments, the community and the university;
- Monitors and assesses impact of local government ordinances, programs, and proposals;
- Maintains communications and engagement with surrounding neighborhoods and civic and community-based organizations;
- Convenes public agency partners and community leaders, connecting them with UO resources to solve dynamic problems.

Advocacy, sponsorships, economic development and strategic relations, and intergovernmental relations:

- Coordinates UO Advocates, a nonpartisan education and advocacy program administered by GCR and UOAA. Its mission is to mobilize alumni, students, and other friends of the UO on behalf of UO's state, federal and local-level priorities;
- Works to raise awareness directly with stakeholders and policymakers about the positive impact that UO and public higher education have on Oregon's communities, economy, civic and cultural life, natural resources and more;
- Promotes university involvement in signature community events through sponsorship and collaboration with event organizers.
- Identifies and executes strategic partnerships with companies, economic and business community engagement organizations, corporate foundations, and government groups.

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Publications: For more info about how the UO impacts the people of Oregon and beyond:

- [Impact Oregon](#)—interactive web site portraying university impact by county and state and federal legislative district
- [Government and Community Relations Blog](#)—news of federal, state and local government and community involving UO
- Around the O Community Edition – e-newsletter sharing local impact stories. To subscribe, email gcr@uoregon.edu with the subject line "Subscribe."
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- UO Advocates website -<https://www.uoadvocates.com>