Dear University of Oregon Colleagues,

I am writing to share updates about a number of initiatives that have our University on the cutting edge of the future. These initiatives are unique opportunities to date as University-wide initiatives in research, student success, and community engagement and impact. As you know, our University enters a new academic year on Aug. 15, and we are excited to continue and expand our work to build a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive community of Scholars, faculty, and students. The initiatives that I will share with you today are among the university’s efforts to continue to improve and expand opportunities for faculty and staff, and to create new opportunities for students to prepare for and succeed in an ever-changing world.

There are many exciting research, educational, and community initiatives under way at the University of Oregon — too many to list here. Please visit the Office of the Provost website to learn more about them. For this critical endeavor, the UO is committed to investing more than $11 million over a five-year period. For more information, please visit the diversity website.

Thank you for your leadership within a variety of fields; leverage our existing research and scholarly strengths and align them to support our diverse student body; and respond to the changing needs of society.

As President Schill and I are committed to keeping you informed and engaged as we work together to advance the mission of the University of Oregon.

Patrick H. Lloyd
President

Innovation Initiative

Today, we see research-based innovations and creative pursuits, including the Office of the Provost. These initiatives are among the best in the nation. Our worldwide reputation in college athletics often overshadows our efforts in research, scholarship, and creative endeavors. The Office of the Provost will play a critical role in building a research culture that is focused on excellence, outreach, and impact. Our goal is to transform the University of Oregon into a world leader in research and creative activity.

The Innovation Initiative will create a research and development ecosystem that is focused on excellence, outreach, and impact. The new office will be housed in the Office of the Provost and will be led by Executive Director Carlyn Schreck. The office will be responsible for developing and implementing a comprehensive plan to advance research and creative activity at the University of Oregon. This includes developing a strategic plan for research and creative activity, establishing a research infrastructure, and building partnerships with external organizations.

The Innovation Initiative is in the early stages of development, which are being organized by Assistant Vice President for Research and Advancement Lesley-Anne Pittard. Soon, we will unveil a website that encapsulates all the initiatives under one roof.

Environment Initiative

The Environment Initiative is a multi-disciplinary, cross-campus initiative that includes faculty, staff, and students from across the University of Oregon. The initiative aims to create a world leader in research and creative activity in the field of environment. The initiative will build upon the University of Oregon’s existing research and creative activity in the environment to address some of the most pressing issues of our time, including climate change, environmental justice, and biodiversity.

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Latinx Studies Initiative

The Latinx Studies Initiative is a multi-disciplinary, cross-campus initiative that includes faculty, staff, and students from across the University of Oregon. The initiative aims to create a world leader in research and creative activity in the field of Latinx studies. The initiative will build upon the University of Oregon’s existing research and creative activity in the field of Latinx studies to address some of the most pressing issues of our time, including immigration, discrimination, and social justice.

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Visit the Office of the Provost website to learn more about these initiatives and to see how you can get involved.

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