Carrie Chesbro is the new Associate Director of Post Award. She has been serving as the Interim AD since February 2018. She will be overseeing all post-awards functions and will serve as the lead on audits and internal controls.

"We're proud to be a part of this organization, which will allow us to recognize and encourage the many UO innovators, both past and present, for their groundbreaking work in research, the patents our inventors have received, and the positive impact their contributions make worldwide," said Chuck Williams, associate vice president and provost for research and innovation.

"It's important for the university to have money to give to students to do their research," Cleveland said. "I'm a firm believer in it." Her colleague in the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation, Kari Cleveland, added, "It's really valuable to people to feel like they can have a voice in how the university is funding research and working with the Senate and the House to get that money for students." UO environmental science student Rachel Cleveland recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend a National Academy of Sciences-sponsored workshop on advocating for research funding. She says the trip was "a really powerful experience." Cleveland was the only AAS CASE workshop attendee from Oregon.

Dear Members of the UO Research Community,

The Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI) and the Center for Research and Innovation (CRI) want to ensure you are aware of these recent developments.

**UO Launches National Academy of Inventors Chapter**

UO formally joined NAI last year. NAI is a member organization with strong representation by AAU institutions that supports academic inventions and the societal impact of university research.

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