Dear Members of the UO Research Community,

Letter from the Vice President

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I am proud to announce that The University of Oregon celebrated the launch of the first National Academy of Inventors (NAI) chapter on March 27, 2018. We are the newest member institution of the NAI, which is part of a chapter network that is growing across the United States. The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. It also fosters a culture of innovation by bringing together inventors to share their successes and lessons learned.

The University of Oregon has a long history of innovation and invention. We are home to many talented and creative minds who are making significant contributions to society. The launch of the NAI chapter at UO is a reflection of our commitment to advancing research and discovery.

We are proud to be a member of the NAI and look forward to working with our colleagues across the country to promote innovation and invention.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Research & Innovation,

Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI)

UO environmental science student Rachel Cleveland recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the 2018 National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Annual Meeting. Cleveland's attendance was sponsored by the CASE program, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Education.

During the month of April 2018, faculty and staff at the University of Oregon received 25 new awards totaling more than $2.8 million in support of research activities. The Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI) administers the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP); the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI); and other administrative and financial support for sponsored programs, including identification of funding opportunities, proposal submission, research compliance, and contracts and grant administration.

The National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) is an initiative of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to develop and implement scalable, sustainable, and replicable models of research training and mentoring. NRMN is working to improve the research productivity of underrepresented minorities in scientific research careers.

Dear Members of the UO Research Community,

I am pleased to announce that the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI) is sponsoring the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN) workshop on June 20-22, 2018. This workshop will be held at the University of Oregon and will focus on the development of scalable, sustainable, and replicable models of research training and mentoring for underrepresented minorities in scientific research careers.

The workshop will bring together mentors, mentees, and other stakeholders to discuss best practices for mentoring and training underrepresented minorities in scientific research careers. Participants will have the opportunity to share their experiences and learn from others who have successfully implemented mentoring programs. The workshop will also provide a platform for networking and collaboration among participants.

I encourage all members of the UO research community to participate in this important event. Please contact ovpricomm@uoregon.edu if you have any questions or would like more information.

Sincerely,

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Vice President for Research & Innovation,

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