Dear Members of the UO Research Community,

April 2018 was a busy month for the Office of the Vice President for Research and Innovation. During the month of April 2018, faculty and staff at the University of Oregon received 25 new awards across various disciplines. These awards support their ongoing research and development work, helping to advance knowledge and innovation in their respective fields.

The University of Oregon formally joined NAI last year. NAI is a member organization with strong representation from the academic sector, and it serves as a platform for showcasing the research and innovation achievements of its members. The University of Oregon celebrates its membership in NAI through the Undergraduate Research Symposium, which is bigger than ever this year. The symposium provides a platform for undergraduate researchers to present their work and engage with peers, faculty, and industry representatives.

Undergraduate Student Advocates for Research Funding

Rachel Cleveland, a UO environmental science student, recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend the National Research Mentoring Network’s (NRMN) workshop, which is hosted by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Cleveland’s attendance was sponsored by the CASE program, which is funded through the catalyzing advocacy in science and engineering (CASE) initiative.

Cleveland’s attendance was part of a broader effort to support the representation of undergraduate researchers in the research and development sector. The workshop aims to equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to advocate for research funding and to understand the importance of research in driving economic and civic vitality. The office is committed to enhancing these efforts by providing resources and support to undergraduate researchers and to the communities that support them.

The CASE program is a national public-private initiative that aims to catalyze advocacy in science and engineering. The program is designed to raise awareness about the importance of research and development and to mobilize support for funding. The program is led by the National Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Engineering, and National Academy of Medicine, and it is supported by a range of partners, including universities, government agencies, and private sector organizations.

The CASE program offers a range of resources and support to help students and researchers advocate for research funding. These resources include training opportunities, mentorship programs, and advocacy tools. The program also provides funding for research and development projects, which helps to support the work of undergraduate researchers and to promote the importance of research in driving economic and civic vitality.

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Best regards,

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Letter from the Vice President