Dear Members of the UO Research Community,

This month we received 25 new awards totaling more than $2.8 million in support of research activities. During the month of April 2018, faculty and staff at the University of Oregon received 25 new awards. These awards were secured through the efforts of many across the university, including the Office of Sponsored Projects Services (SPS), the Academic Affairs Research Committee, and the Office of Research Development Services (RDS).

The Office of Research Development Services (RDS) will host a workshop on May 24-25 training graduate students and postdocs who will mentor a SPUR (Summer Program for Undergraduate Research) student this summer. The workshop will discuss strategies for creating an inclusive and supportive research environment and will provide tips for working effectively with mentors and mentees. For information on how to join the workshop, please contact rds@uoregon.edu.

UROP has recently interviewed two undergraduate researchers as part of their regular series A Closer Look at Undergraduate Researchers. These interviews highlight the work of two talented students who are making strides in their respective fields. The first interview features Carrie Chesbro, 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.

The second interview features Jon Loftus, who has been promoted to the newly developed Post-Award Manager position. Jon will be responsible for the day-to-day transactional work and management of the post-award teams. The Office of Vice President for Research and Innovation (OVPRI) shares stories of undergraduate researchers across campus in order to encourage students from underrepresented groups to remain in STEM fields. For information on how to join the workshop, please contact ovpricomm@uoregon.edu.

The OVPRI has started a new Instagram account featuring the daily research activities taking place across campus. We aim to share the stories of students and faculty who work to solve a wide range of important problems. If you have a story to share, please email us at ovpricomm@uoregon.edu.

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