

Oregon Research Quarterly – Spring 2018

Letter from the Vice President

Dear Members of the UO Research Community,

I hope you will join me in congratulating our own Judith Eisen on her recent election into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. Her remarkable accomplishments include pioneering research seeking to understand motor neuron development in vertebrates using the zebrafish model and research examining neural crest development. Additionally, she's been a strong proponent of science outreach and an amazing mentor to our students — not to mention one of the kindest people you will ever meet.

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Announcements



April 2018 Monthly Award Reports

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.

[View April Awards](#)



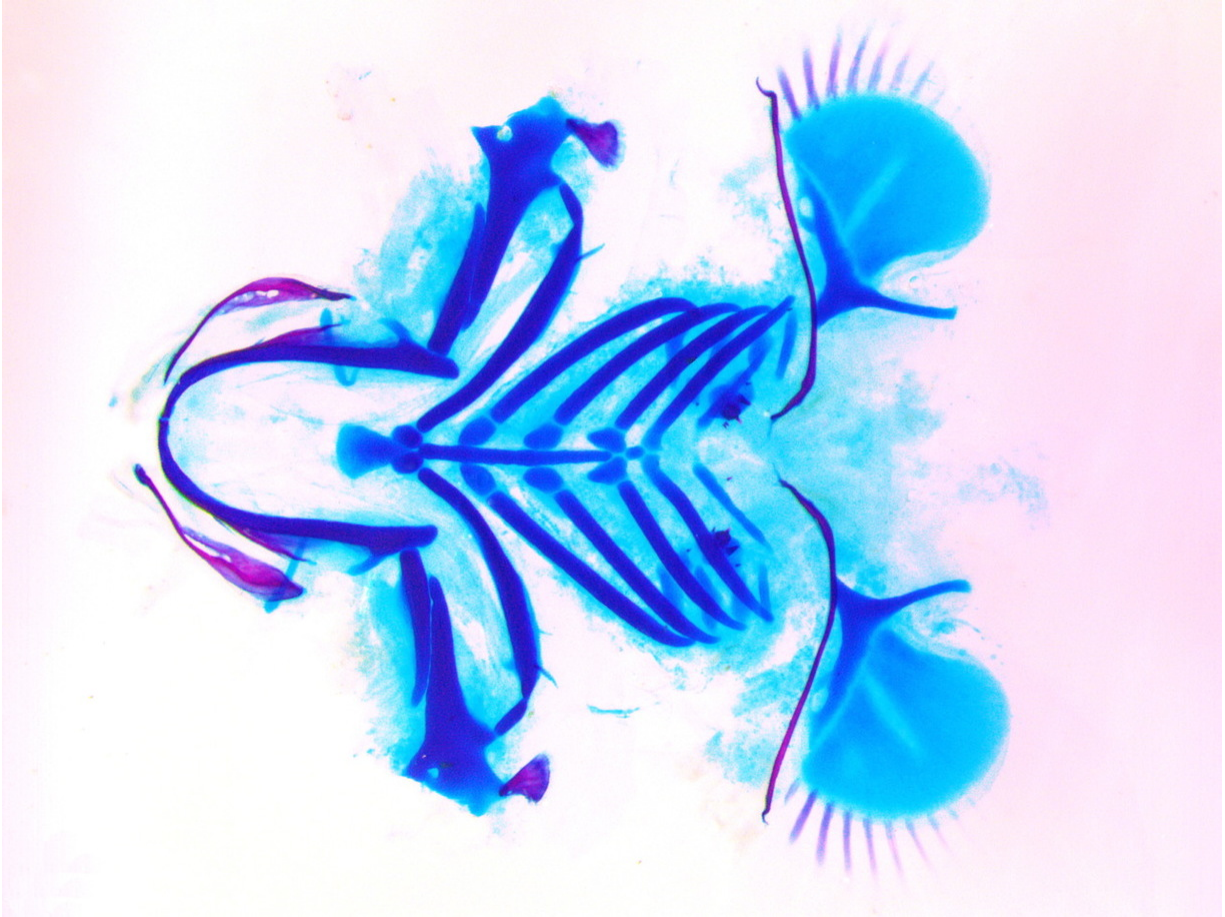
Rachel Cleveland was the only AAS CASE workshop attendee from Oregon

Undergraduate Student Advocates for Research Funding

UO environmental science student Rachel Cleveland recently traveled to Washington D.C. to attend 2018 [Catalyzing Advocacy in Science and Engineering \(CASE\)](#) workshop, which is hosted by the American Academy of Sciences. Cleveland's attendance was sponsored by the CASE program, which is funded largely by the Vice President for Research and Innovation with additional support from [Government and Community Relations](#).

"It's important for the university to have money to give to students to do their research," Cleveland said. "One of the main talking points when I went to talk with my representatives was to give examples as to why their funding matters. It's more impactful when you can tell a story about why I've benefited and why other students will benefit from how they choose to fund science policy."

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Undergraduate biology student Natalie Mosqueda uses blue dye to stain the bones of developing embryos of the Bullhead Notothen fish

New Research Instagram Account

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 and interesting questions. You can follow along at [@uo_research](#) and [#aweekinthelab](#). If you would like to work with us to share your research, email ovpricomm@uoregon.edu.

From Our Research Service Units

RDS Research Development Services (RDS)



Student researchers at work in the Phillips Lab.

Mentorship and Inclusivity Workshop

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 from the [National Research Mentoring Network](#) for creating an inclusive and supportive research environment in order to encourage students from underrepresented groups to remain in STEM fields. For information on future trainings, send an email to rds@uoregon.edu.

IPS Innovation Partnership Services (IPS)



The NAI was founded in 2010 to recognize and encourage inventors with patents issued from the U.S.

UO Launches National Academy of Inventors Chapter

The University of Oregon celebrated the launch of the first [Oregon National Academy of Inventors \(NAI\) chapter](#) during a recent ceremony that included the induction of more than 40 UO patent holders. The University of Oregon 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.

“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 for innovation.

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SPS Sponsored Projects Services (SPS)

Staffing Updates

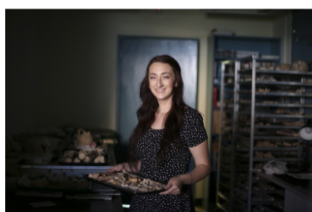
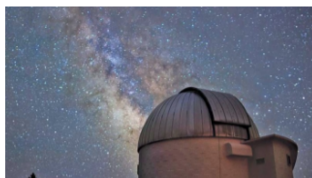
Jon Loftus has been promoted to the newly developed Post-Award Manager position. Jon will be responsible for the day-to-day transactional work and management of the post-award teams.

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.

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Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)



UROP Funding Opportunities

- The [O'Day Fellowship in Biological Sciences](#) application deadline is **May 28**
- The [Presidential Undergraduate Research Scholars](#) application deadline is **May 30**

A Closer Look at Undergraduate Researchers

UROP has recently interviewed two undergraduate researchers as part of their regular series *Modus Operandi*. These stories and more can be found on the [UROP website](#).

Undergraduate Research Symposium Bigger Than Ever

The eighth annual [Undergraduate Research Symposium](#) is bringing a record 382 student presenters to the Erb Memorial Union Ballroom on Thursday, **May 17** to discuss research topics that cover more than 60 majors.

Parting Shot



(photo: By-the-Wind Sailor Jellyfish, National Parks Service)

UO biologist Kelly Sutherland and her team of researchers have recently produced a *Pocket Field Guide of Oregon Jellies*. [Download a copy](#) and take it on your next trip to the beach!



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