

Office of the Provost

Dear colleagues,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I want to take a moment to celebrate and recognize the outstanding scholarship, instruction, and service taking place on our campus and tell you about several new ways we are highlighting excellence at the University of Oregon. I am continually impressed by the hard work, achievements, and dedication I regularly witness across campus as faculty and staff strive to support our students, our mission, and our public purpose.

To recognize the academic achievements and excellence of the University of Oregon faculty and staff, this spring the university launched a new [Awards and Accolades webpage](#). This new page recognizes the individual achievements of excellence in teaching, research, artistic expression, and the generation and application of knowledge. It celebrates contributions to the UO and their profession such as through grants, honors and fellowships, elections to regional and national boards or committees in professional organizations, and other career awards.

You can find this awards page both on [Around the O website](#) and on the [Office of the Provost Awards webpage](#), and in the weekly *Workplace* newsletter emailed to all employees. Anyone can suggest an accolade by using this [simple online form](#).

The Office of the Provost also sponsors a series of awards programs each year recognizing excellence in teaching, leadership, mentorship, scholarship, and more. This year we have added two new programs: the [Distinguished Teaching Professor Program](#) and the [Book Publication Award](#).

We are also piloting another exciting faculty recognition program this spring. Beginning in early June, banners will be hung along the Ferry Street Bridge and streets in and around the university featuring images and quotes from faculty who have earned outstanding teaching and scholarship awards, achieved research excellence, or play leadership roles in university governance. The goal is to instill pride in our community and inspire a culture of excellence. This initiative aligns with our [Inclusive Excellence in Action](#) efforts continuing our work toward an inclusively excellent campus culture. We will be sharing more information about this new effort in the coming weeks.

Of course, there are many other university-wide sponsored awards from Research and Innovation, Graduate Studies, Advising, Human Resources, and the Division of Equity and Inclusion, to name a few, that recognize outstanding achievement. I encourage you to visit the Awards and Accolades webpage frequently and join me in congratulating our colleagues on their achievements.

Thank you for all that you do for our university and for the broader academic community.

Sincerely,

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