



Dear Colleagues,

As in the past, the University of Oregon Foundation has asked to partner with the Office of the Provost to help solicit and vet proposals for the Foundation's Trustee Excellence Fund. Foundation trustees have set aside an allotment for one-time awards to high-impact programs and initiatives at the UO.

A few more points of information about the awards:

- ✓ Typical awards are \$25,000 each, though one program did receive a multi-year award totaling \$75,000.
- ✓ "One-time" can mean the award is distributed in more than one year; it just means that funds are not recurring.
- ✓ Late submissions will not be considered, and I may request additional information, clarifications, or supporting documentation before forwarding applications.
- ✓ The UO Foundation Board recommends programs to the Provost office for final decision.

I intend to look for applications that demonstrate the following:

- ✓ A commitment to high-impact practices, whether the impact be personal, educational, research-based, or community oriented.
- ✓ The opportunity to leverage the Foundation's investment into greater returns (e.g., grant requests, matching funds).
- ✓ Student-facing initiatives such as, but not limited to, experiential learning or research; participation in publications, events, conferences, or unique out-of-classroom opportunities; or student success related programming.

Last year's award recipients include a peer advisor program, PAVE, that reaches out to student military veterans to aid them in their transition to college; the Center for Undergraduate Research and Engagements first-year scholars program to fund undergraduate research fellowships; and the Landscape for Humanity Program in the College of Design, which designs, builds, and tests multifunctional landscape models to help with homelessness.

Attached you will find an outline of the fund and application form. If you are interested in applying, **please submit your application to my office by 5 p.m. on March 20, 2020. Send all proposals to my chief of staff, Tim Inman (tbinman@uoregon.edu).** I will review them and forward those that I think align with the goals and priorities listed above.

If you have any questions about my priorities regarding this opportunity, please contact Tim by email or by phone at 503.346.3440. For information about the program generally or to learn more about the Foundation's perspective on awards, please contact Mindy Parady at mpardy@uofoundation.org or 541.302.0329.

Sincerely,

Patrick Phillips