



**Oregon
University
System**

Vision and Goals

Requested for Board Approval

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Vision and Goals

- OUS pledges to provide the educational services required by present and future citizens to make the contributions needed to sustain and propel Oregon into the future. We are committed to being more responsive to the needs of society.
- OUS intends to provide access to a range of educational services of excellent quality tailored to the needs of Oregon's population. We aspire to provide value to all Oregonians regardless of their social attributes, residence, or economic circumstances.
- Through the mission for public higher education devised by Oregon legislators (ORS 351), OUS is compelled to link access and excellence. Access without excellence shortchanges both the student and the public. Excellence without access is elitism that is inappropriate for the state's public universities.
- Both the state and students have a vital interest in sustaining an affordable public university system that can be shared by all Oregonians.
- OUS will promote diversity on OUS campuses by increasing numbers of women faculty, and of students, faculty, and staff of color.

Ten Goals

Access and Excellence in Learning

1. Increase enrollment capacity to 100,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students to meet the strategic needs of the state and interests of learners. Within the expanded enrollment capacity, increase the number of Oregon community college transfer students.
2. Enhance student success to that currently enjoyed by the top states and public institutions in the United States.
3. Double the enrollment and degrees produced in engineering and computer sciences to meet the demands of Oregon's economy.
4. Double the spending on student financial assistance supported by state and institutional funds.

Excellence in Research and Scholarship

5. Double the amount of funded research and development (R&D) and technology transfer activities.
6. Double the number of graduate and professional programs ranked or recognized in the top 25 nationally.
7. Eliminate the gap in average faculty compensation and start-up packages offered by OUS universities compared with national peer universities to attract the brightest faculty in the world to Oregon's public universities.

Excellence in Service to Oregon's Communities

8. Extend universities into the cities and communities of Oregon to provide easy and low-cost access to the practical information citizens require for personal, professional, and business success.
9. Increase collaboration with partners to disseminate research findings to reach the widest possible audiences of interested citizens.
10. Provide opportunities for personal enrichment through the literary, artistic, and cultural treasury of Oregon and the world.