

# OSU's Quest from Discovery to Impact

**The study of the Earth and its sustainability.** OSU is positioned to be a leader in the study of the Earth and changes related to human activity and nature. Our researchers have long studied the atmosphere, oceans, Earth and ecosystems. They are translating that research into solutions for today's and tomorrow's most pressing problems.

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**Innovation.** OSU faculty know that our students are different — they are highly creative, energized to make a difference — and because of this, our university offers the only entrepreneurial residential experience of its kind in the state. Innovation, enterprise and technological change are not only hallmarks of OSU faculty; many of our students come with the talent and hunger to move discovery in all fields to marketable solutions and products.

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**Healthy living through wellness and prevention.** Cure and treatment of disease are important. The harder challenge is prevention. OSU is assertively taking on that challenge with scientists in health sciences and the world-renowned Linus Pauling Institute who devote their discovery to stopping illness, pain and suffering. OSU is uniquely poised to offer solutions for healthy living through wellness and prevention.

*At Oregon State University, discovery happens every day. Scientists challenge existing ideas. Students explore real-life problems. Graduates move forward to bring their creativity to the marketplace.*

*In its quest to reach the status of a top-10 land-grant university, OSU is focusing on its unique abilities. In the OSU Strategic Plan, five thematic areas package the university's strengths — areas that affect the people and environment of Oregon and that have implications throughout the world.*



**Sustaining natural resources.** As a land-, sea-, space- and sun-grant university (one of only two such universities in the United States), OSU has been a leader in natural resources since its land-grant designation under the Morrill Act in 1868. Advancements in forestry, agriculture and all elements of the environment have been an OSU hallmark.

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**Ensuring that OSU students are grounded in the arts and sciences.** Through liberal arts and sciences, we express the inherent qualities of human nature and give meaning to community. University students need exposure to a broad range of science and liberal arts courses to be successful problem solvers who look at the world as a whole system. OSU is an outstanding research university, and integration of the disciplines is what makes our graduates strong contributors and leaders in their fields.

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**In this President's Report, we are pleased to show you some of the excellence that is growing and thriving in these five key thematic areas.**