

# OSU Research Impacts Network

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In 2012 the Center for Research on Lifelong STEM Learning in partnership with the Division of Outreach and Engagement and the Research Office began to develop a strategy for institutionalizing efforts to deliver high quality societal benefits, or “broader impacts”, associated with federal investments in the OSU research enterprise. Since that time the National Science Foundation has, in particular, reaffirmed their commitment to broader impacts; in response, OSU has continued to evolve its efforts. In May of 2015 Scott Reed and Ron Adams officially launched the OSU Research Impacts Network (ORIN). The Center serves as convener and a hub for ORIN work.

The **goal** of ORIN is to improve processes, communication, and accessibility related to existing tools for developing high quality research impacts associated with the OSU research enterprise to fulfill [Strategic Plan 3.0](#) - specifically Goal 3 to strengthen impact and reach throughout Oregon and beyond with respect to our three signature areas of distinction – and to enhance impacts of research addressing five global challenges.

**Objectives** include:

- 1) Understanding the current landscape of impact capacities and establishing a set of best practices and build capacity of investigators so they may excel in partnering, planning, designing, implementing, evaluating and budgeting impact activities;
- 2) Defining and strengthening the relationship between research, engagement and impacts to better support the OSU Land-grant mission and research agenda; and
- 3) Adopting an institutional vision and brand for research impacts at OSU to guide action and articulate to funding agencies the aggregate societal impacts OSU strives to achieve through research and engagement.

The Provost’s Council was invited to nominate professional and academic faculty to participate in ORIN who meet *all* four criteria below.

- ❖ Have interest in and capacity to engage in institutional-scale solutions to research impact challenges.
- ❖ Have a voice and regular audience with the administrative leadership (Dean or Vice Provost) of their parent unit.
- ❖ Be known connectors in their own unit *and* across units.
- ❖ Able to participate in 6-12 network gatherings a year and engage in smaller scale action groups related to their interests and expertise.

Nominees should also meet one or more of the following criteria.

- ❖ Have expertise and experience to design, propose, implement, or evaluate research impact activities.
- ❖ Have direct access to and/or knowledge of research impact tools or programs external to OSU.
- ❖ Have demonstrable success in collaborating with PIs on research impacts.

To nominate yourself or a colleague, or to be added to the ORIN mailing list, contact

[Victoria.Bonebrake@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Victoria.Bonebrake@oregonstate.edu). For more information contact Julie Risien, Associate Director for the Center for Research on Lifelong STEM Learning at [Julie.Risien@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Julie.Risien@oregonstate.edu) or 7-8664. You can also read more about OSU’s approach to broader impacts at <http://stem.oregonstate.edu/broader-impacts>.