



Memorandum to: UO Research Community
From: Richard Linton, Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies
Date: January 17, 2008
Re: **Oregon Community Credit Union Research Fellowships,
2008 focus: Law and Business**

The Office of the Vice President for Research is pleased to announce that the application deadline for the third annual Oregon Community Credit Union Research Fellowships will be March 12, 2008. This announcement, the proposal guidelines, and application form are available online, (<http://rfd.uoregon.edu/funding/OCCU.htm>). An informational drop-in session will be held on February 6, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., in EMU Century Room A. Faculty members who are interested in the program are encouraged to attend if they have questions about the application and award process.

Initiated in 2006, the Oregon Community Credit Union Research Fellowships are made possible by the generous support of the Oregon Community Credit Union and the Office of the Vice President for Research. It funds three year-long awards of \$10,000.00 each. Oregon Community Credit Union provides \$5,500 of each award, and the Office of the Vice President for Research provides the remaining \$4,500. The awardees will be announced in April 2008, and funding will begin at the start of the fall term 2008.

The program has a five year, cyclical award structure. Each year the program is tailored to fit most closely with the research and scholarly activities of the focus topic. In this, the third year of the program, we will focus on research related to law and business.

For the 2008 program, applicants will need to identify their proposals to be reviewed in either the law or business category. Definitions for these categories, as well as more detailed information regarding eligibility and the process regarding this award, can be found in the proposal guidelines, (<http://rfd.uoregon.edu/funding/OCCU.htm>). We encourage collaborative and/or interdisciplinary proposals.

The Oregon Community Credit Union Research Fellowship program is designed to support individual faculty research and scholarly activities. It does not support curricular activities or planning. It is open to tenure-track and tenured faculty with an appointment of .5 FTE and greater who are in their second year or greater of employment at the University of Oregon. Proposals are reviewed by a faculty review committee drawn from the UO research community who make recommendations on finalists to the Vice President for Research. We have designed an annual recognition event and a website to disseminate information about the research that is supported by this award program.

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For consideration, all applications must be complete, signed by the appropriate dean, and delivered to the Office of Research and Faculty Development (204 Johnson Hall) by the deadline at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Applications must adhere strictly to the guidelines, or they will not be processed for review by the committee.

For questions regarding the award, please contact:
Mary Fechner, Director of Faculty Development, (mfechner@uoregon.edu), or
Stacy Williams, Office Manager-Project Manager (stacyw@uoregon.edu)

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Oregon Community Credit Union chose to fund this program because their mission is to make a difference in the lives of their members and the communities they serve. Oregon Community Credit Union believes strongly that the research activities of higher education support that mission by stimulating economic development, knowledge creation, and the enhancement of community services and activities. The Credit Union is excited about this opportunity to continue their commitment to education in partnership with the University of Oregon and looks forward to all the different ways this research will contribute to a vibrant and healthy community.
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