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student to scientist.

Funded by NSF's Integrative Graduate Education Research and Traineeship Program (IGERT), the new award builds on the University of Oregon Materials Science Institute's model internship program. This program is responsible for making the university a top-ten institution nationwide for the number of master's degrees awarded in chemistry.

Currently, the university program places doctoral- and master's-level students in industrial and academic settings for one-year internships where faculty work with site mentors to tailor students' internships for maximum impact. This grant will increase the number of participating-doctoral students and will extend the internship program to doctoral candidates at Oregon State University (OSU) and Portland State University (PSU).

Managed by the University of Oregon, the expanded program includes IGERT sponsorship of students at OSU and PSU and allows placements at any of the participating universities as well as with additional industry partners. The program's other partners include: Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI), the Engineering & Technology Industry Council (ETIC), Hewlett Packard Co., Invitrogen, LSI Logic Corp., Intel Corp., Hynix Semiconductor America, Triquint Semiconductor, the FEI Company, Dynea and Bend Research Inc.

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universities even stronger by further uniting academia and industry, said David Johnson, chemistry professor at the University of Oregon, and the grant's co-principal investigator. Johnson collaborated on the proposal with a strong team of chemistry and physics faculty members in the Materials Science Institute, including Dave Tyler, Bruce Branchaud, Jim Hutchison, Mike Haley, Darren Johnson and Richard Taylor.

"The program resulting from this collaboration enhances graduate education by providing students with experiences that accelerate the transition from classroom learner to active, innovative and independent-thinking scientist," Johnson said. "As just one aspect of our high-tech extension service, the University of Oregon has placed students for more than five years in industrial research settings where they have been recognized as skilled problem solvers and high level performers. The IGERT award allows us to expand this program to involve other universities and industry partners."

The grant benefits not just the University of Oregon, but the entire state, similar to the way ONAMI does, said OSU Distinguished Professor of Chemistry Doug Keszler, the grant's co-principal investigator.

"The IGERT award brings our universities even closer together by placing students in university research laboratories on other campuses while maintaining a strong connection with their home institutions," Keszler said. "It builds on the ONAMI concept and will help all of us keep Oregon's best students and attract leading advanced

students to the state because of the access to faculty on three campuses and the Silicon Forest."

Students will now have an even better opportunity to take advantage of the collaboration among Oregon's leading specialists, said John Carruthers, distinguished professor of physics at Portland State University.

"Faculty are already collaborating across campuses to advance nano and microtechnology research," said Carruthers. "The IGERT award enhances the education and training of participating graduate students by giving them with opportunities to work in faculty laboratories at any of our Oregon institutions."

The key innovation in this program is students participating in the six- to nine-month internships at Oregon technology firms. This prepares them for future employment. About two-dozen industrial partners in the state have committed their active support to the IGERT program with time, internship opportunities and donations, which have resulted in over \$1 million in additional direct support from ONAMI and ETIC.

"Oregon is home to the ninth-largest technology economy in the U.S.—much of it rooted in materials sciences, semiconductors, and nano-tech/nano instrumentation. The IGERT collaboration brings together companies, researchers and academics to innovate in a multi-university model that will help Oregon compete on a global scale," said Dave Chen, a partner

with OVP Venture Partners, chair of ONAMI and chair of Oregon InC.

"This award is testimony to the outstanding research, committed faculty leadership and inter-institutional collaboration that exists in Oregon and the ONAMI community," said Skip Rung, executive director of ONAMI. "At a time when the U.S. is facing unprecedented competitive challenge, it is truly innovative graduate student programs like this which will provide the top tier of scientific and organizational leadership we urgently need."

Begun in 1997, IGERT is a federal program that was developed to fund new and innovative models for graduate education with an emphasis on collaborative and interdisciplinary research.

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The academy, founded in 1998, brings 85 select high school students from around the country to Eugene every summer for ten days to live, work, and perform alongside the festival's internationally renowned choir, orchestra, soloists, and conductors. The gift will help defray the costs of bringing young musicians to Eugene each year.

"With this gift, we can make this program accessible to talented youth from across the nation, regardless of their ability to pay," Saltzman said. "In recognition of the Stangeland Foundation's generosity, the Youth Choral Academy will now be called the Stangeland Family Youth Choral Academy." The gift also increases the festival's endowment to \$5 million, marking the halfway point toward a \$10 million goal.

"The Oregon Bach Festival is one of the crown jewels of the University of Oregon," said Dave Frohnmyer, university president. "It is especially close to my heart because of the role music and the festival have played in my family's life. Making this world-class festival better every year requires an endowment. I am particularly pleased that increasing the festival endowment is part of Campaign Oregon."

"It is our hope that the gift will help sustain the academy into the distant future and leave a musical and educational legacy," said Brad Stangeland of Eugene, a board member of the Oregon Bach Festival. The Stangeland Foundation was started by Brad's parents, Roger and Lilah, for the purposes of furthering educational opportunities, especially for youth. Brad Stangeland owns a Eugene landscape

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architecture and design firm, and he and his wife, Colleen, own New Twist and Toko Asia, both stores in the Fifth Street Market.

"This is one of the core components of the Oregon Bach Festival," said Brad Stangeland. "We must give kids a chance to participate and understand this great music, or the future of orchestral and choral music will be lost. These young adults get to work with one of the great conductors of Bach and are taken through a very extensive educational experience. This is perfectly consistent with the Stangeland Foundation's goals."

Director Anton Armstrong has led the program since its inception. A professor of music at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and conductor of the prestigious St. Olaf Choir, Armstrong is the recipient of the 2006 Robert Foster Cherry Award for Great Teaching.

"Back home, these students are the leaders, the best singers in their schools," said Armstrong. "Here, they are surrounded by others just like themselves. We set the bar high. We expect them to reach the highest level of excellence they can—not for selfish reasons, but to become better people and to share a musical experience that enriches others. They walk away from these ten days as stronger and better people."

"Music education teaches people how to think," said Oregon Bach Festival board member Pete Moore. Pete and his wife Mary Ann are co-chairs of the festival's endowment initiative. "Music increases people's abilities to live and learn in life. The



Youth Choral Academy exposes people to classical music at an impressionable age. I think classical music is music at its best. It is the music of history, and the music of mankind. We can't let future generations lose touch with classical music, and that's a very real possibility in these times when it is difficult to get funding for the arts.

"These opportunities to learn, rehearse, and perform are opportunities that many students don't have in their high schools. They literally transform the way these young people think, and the choices they make in their lives. Mary Ann and I are delighted that this gift will help make this program available to more young people. We're also delighted to reach the halfway point toward our \$10 million endowment goal. When we started, it seemed rather daunting. Now it's within reach. I'm confident we can make it within the next two years."

The Stangeland Foundation gift will be invested, and earnings from the endowment will be used to help support the academy.

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## Workshop to highlight international research, study

The [Office of International Programs](#) will host a workshop July 12 to highlight international research, study and internship opportunities.

Topics will include tips on how to be a competitive candidate for international programs, including the Fulbright, Rotary and Gilman scholarships.

The workshop will run from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in the Fir Room of the Erb Memorial Union. For more information, call 346-3207 or e-

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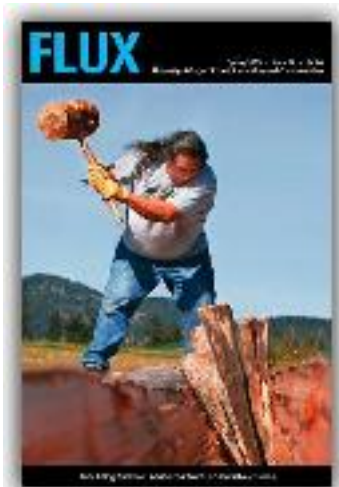
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recently noted in *Utne Magazine's* [June 30 From the Stacks](#) section.

*Flux* is planned, edited, written, designed and produced by students in the university's School of Journalism and Communication.

*Utne* commended *Flux* for a "quirky and eclectic" mix of stories. The magazine highlighted student Sena Christian's cover story on the efforts of a Grand Ronde tribal member to reconstruct culture through construction of longhouses. *Utne* also called attention to Adrienne van der Valk's piece on classic burlesque.

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## Classified staff scholarship winners announced

Two accounting students are the first-ever recipients of the Classified Staff Training and Development Scholarship.

Recipient Stephanie Risbrough, an accountant in the School of Journalism and Communication, is working toward a Bachelors Degree in accounting. The other winner, Melodi Jayne, is an accounts receivable specialist in Business Affairs. Jayne is taking courses in accounting at the university and at Lane Community College.

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The Classified Staff Training and Development Advisory Committee (CSTDAC) sponsored the scholarships. The program was created to provide classified staff with an opportunity to build on professional skills.

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Committee members were selected from more than 100 nominees submitted in response to a Federal Register Notice. The committee will give recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman regarding the Department of Energy's programs, plans and activities, as well as safety, economic and environmental issues related to hydrogen.

Richmond, an elected member of the *American Academy of Arts and Sciences*, is currently serving as Associate Editor of the *Annual Reviews of Physical Chemistry*, Chair of the Science Advisory Committee of the Stanford Sychrotron Radiation Laboratory and member of both the National Academy Committee on Women in Academia and the Chemical Sciences Roundtable of the National Research Council. She has won many awards and held numerous appointments over the course of her career.

From 1998 to 2003, Richmond served as chair of the U.S. Department of Energy's Basic Energy Sciences Advisory Committee. She just completed a 7 year term as a member of the Oregon State Board of Higher Education.

Richmond received her doctorate in chemistry in 1980 from the University of California, Berkeley. She began academic career on the faculty at Bryn Mawr and moved to at the University of Oregon more

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Last month, the team completed the first excavation of John Day's old Chinatown. Artifacts unearthed by team members include glass gaming pieces, a medicinal vial, pieces of opium pipes, a coin purse and a button with Chinese characters on it.

The artifacts lend rare insight into how the hundreds of Chinese lived in John Day, said archeologist Julie Schablitsky, who led the excavation. Schablitsky recently received national attention for her work investigating possible cannibalism at the Donner Party camp in California.

Officials with Oregon Parks and Recreation are planning a new museum for the site. But they didn't want to bury forever any artifacts so they contacted the university. The dig is opening doors into a culture which is rarely discussed or written about.

Researchers are trying to determine if the hundreds of Chinese in 19<sup>th</sup> century John Day assimilated into American culture or held to their traditional ways, Schablitsky said. The project is especially important because little written material exists about Eastern Oregon's 19<sup>th</sup> century Chinese population, which at the time rivaled the region's Caucasian population in size, said Tom Connolly, director of research the university's Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

Before the June dig, Connolly searched for potentially rich sites in John Day using

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ground-penetrating rader. Most of what was Chinatown in John Day has been covered over by development, Connolly said.

In June, Schablitsky's team focused its efforts on six or so pits surrounding the 140-year-old Kam Wah Chung & Co. building, long the center of the region's Chinese community. Just two blocks off Main Street in John Day, the two-story wood structure is home to an intact store and apothecary, which were run by Chinese herbal doctor Ing "Doc" Hay and businessman Lung On from the 1887 until their deaths in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The building was sealed when the men died but was reopened as a museum in the 1970s.

A large group of Chinese arrived in John Day in the mid-1880s after a fire destroyed Chinatown in nearby Canyon City and town leaders there refused to let them rebuild. Members of the Chinese community made large contributions to the state's growth, Schablitsky said. Little, however, is known about their daily lives.

The Oregon Parks and Recreation Department is aiming to change that. Officials hope to build a permanent visitors center. A fund drive to repair the Kam Wah Chung building is only \$86,000 shy of its \$1.5 million goal.

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Support—a model program for school-wide behavior designed at the university and now used around the world.

Researchers in the College of Education initially designed the Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) program to define, teach and encourage appropriate student behavior by creating a school environment which emphasizes expectations rather than reactive and punitive discipline. PBS has been widely successful and is now used in more than 5,000 school districts in 38 countries, including the U.S., Canada, Norway and Chile.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse is funding the five-year study to gauge the success of PBS in reducing drug and alcohol use by middle-school students.

"We have data that demonstrates the effectiveness of this approach in primary schools," said principal investigator Jeffrey Sprague, co-director of the College of Education's Institute on Violence and Destructive Behavior. "This study will provide fact-based evidence of how well it works in middle schools."

Forty Oregon middle schools will participate in the study. Sprague said half of the schools will receive intense training that includes all the elements of Positive Behavioral Support. The other half will serve as a control group, and teachers and staff at these schools will receive a reduced level of support.

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## Hubert H. Humphrey fellows to study at university

The American English Institute at the University of Oregon will host 23 Hubert H. Humphrey fellows from 20 countries, including Afghanistan, Syria and Niger.

The fellows include a broadcast journalist and advisors to prime ministers. Participants will study language, culture and both academic and professional communication.

In addition to graduate-level coursework, the visiting scholars will meet with students and participate in local community events.

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After completing the program, fellows will spend nine months in intensive study at universities throughout the U.S.

Founded in 1977, the American English Institute provides English instruction to international students and educators who want to enter American universities or who just want learn or polish their English-language skills.

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, founded in 1978 and named for the former senator and vice president, brings together professionals from countries with a wide-range of development needs. Fellowships are granted on a competitive basis to those who possess a commitment to public service. Since the program's inception, nearly 3,500 Fellows from more than 140 countries have participated.

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