

## ARCS® Foundation At A Glance

**ARCS** (Achievement Rewards for College Scientists) Foundation is a national volunteer women's organization dedicated to advancing science and technology in the United States by providing financial awards to academically outstanding U.S. citizens studying to complete degrees in science, engineering and medical research.

### ARCS Foundation Quick Facts

- A national organization incorporated in 1958
- \$98 million for scholar awards to date
- 9000+ individual scholars supported
- 16 ARCS chapters in 14 states; 1,500 members
- 53 universities approved in a rigorous evaluation process
- Departments ranked in the top 100 nationally
- Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) singled out ARCS Foundation for its highest award - the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education
- ARCS Foundation tapped to join The Council of Competitiveness in 2014
- ARCS Foundation partnered with The Roche Foundation in 2014

### Oregon Chapter Quick Facts

- Incorporated in 2004
- \$2.8 million to support 175 PhD candidates
- Schools of Medicine and Nursing at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU)
- College of Agricultural Sciences, College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences, College of Engineering, College of Forestry and College of Science at Oregon State University (OSU)
- College of Arts and Sciences Departments of Biology and Chemistry at the University of Oregon (UO)
- 137+ members
- Awarded "Outstanding Philanthropic Foundation" by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) Oregon/SW Washington Chapter in 2015

**We must generate the next group of innovators, scientists, and engineers in the United States to protect our standard of living, our quality of life, and our history of innovation.** Globalization and the rapid growth in science and technology of other nations, predominantly in China and India, may make it increasingly challenging for the United States to retain its competitive economic advantage.

In modern academic research, progress would simply be impossible without the help of graduate-level scholars who make vital contributions to their mentors' work while honing their own knowledge and research skills. Graduate students do the painstaking bench work that drives knowledge, and they bring excitement and energy that trigger innovation and stimulate discovery. **Oregon's power to attract top students is increasingly crucial to keeping and recruiting world-class scientists to the Northwest.**

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