

Our Unique Model



ARCS Scholar Awards are catalysts to building scientific and technological capacity, the primary engine of economic and social growth.

The vision and work of ARCS are realized in our scholars and their research. ARCS Foundation Oregon's venture philanthropy approach provides financial support to American scientists of exceptional promise. It's a unique model. ARCS scholars are supported for a three-year period beginning with either their first or second year of graduate schools—usually the most stressful and expensive phases of their studies.

ARCS Scholar Awards:

- **Support Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon State University, and the University of Oregon as key research institutions**
- **Provide scholars with flexible, unrestricted three-year funding**
- **Focus on innovation, discovery and individual research**
- **Recruit and retain top doctoral students in science, engineering, technology, and medical research**
- **Increase the number of innovators with advanced science, engineering, and math degrees**
- **May be the tipping point of a PhD candidate's decision to pursue a career in research**

ARCS Scholars leverage their awards in ways that keep them on track to complete their PhD degrees. With their ARCS Awards, researchers can attend and present research at conferences worldwide, launch a pioneering research project or cover personal living expenses.