



### Transform a Life

Support for PathwayOregon will come from private gifts as well as federal and state funds. An investment in this comprehensive, innovative program is an investment in Oregon's future, with tangible results that will reach across the state—and across future generations. Each gift to PathwayOregon will support a named scholar through either a current gift or an endowed gift that will last in perpetuity.

A current gift of \$8,000 will name a PathwayOregon scholar for one year. An endowed gift of \$200,000 will name a PathwayOregon scholar every year.

"If ever there can be a cause worthy to be upheld by all toil or sacrifice that the human heart can endure, it is the cause of education." —**Horace Mann**



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

### PathwayOregon

Transforming lives, and our state, by making a university education affordable and attainable for lower-income Oregonians



"An investment of knowledge always pays the best interest." —**Benjamin Franklin**

“You cannot teach people anything, you can only help them discover it within themselves.” –Galileo

The University of Oregon is committed to providing more students than ever the opportunity to obtain a college education. A cornerstone of this effort is PathwayOregon—our promise that qualified students of all economic backgrounds will have access to the University of Oregon’s world of academic achievement. The only such program in the state, PathwayOregon ensures that qualified Oregonians from lower-income families will have their tuition and fees paid while also receiving comprehensive guidance in academic and career planning. The highest-achieving students in the program have the opportunity to be selected for a grant to cover housing costs as well. We at the University of Oregon are excited to offer yet another path to truly transform lives. I personally invite you to support PathwayOregon.



**Dave Frohnmaier**  
University of Oregon President

### World Class, Community Minded

As the state’s flagship institution, the University of Oregon conducts world-class research, addresses global issues, and attracts students from many countries. As a public university, our mission is to also serve local communities. A fundamental part of that mission is our commitment that every qualified Oregonian will have access to a university education. PathwayOregon removes the barriers that make a college degree unreachable for many talented and dedicated students.

### Pathway to Success

The first program of its kind in the state, PathwayOregon will bridge the gap between college expenses and the financial aid (federal and state) that students receive, guaranteeing them a University of Oregon education at no cost.

PathwayOregon will launch in fall 2008, giving approximately 400 entering freshmen a guarantee that they can attend the University of Oregon—tuition-free—through a combination of federal, state, and institutional grants and scholarships. With the support of private gifts, the program will grow, serving more and more Oregonians. Students who continue to meet financial and academic eligibility requirements can participate for twelve terms. In addition, they can compete for a grant that covers meals and housing.

### Financial Support

- Available for all academically qualified students who are eligible for Federal Pell Grants
- Guarantees that tuition and fees will be paid with a combination of federal, state, and university funds
- Covers twelve academic terms
- Additional support for housing and meals for a select group of students (based on academic merit)



### More Than Money

Financial hurdles are not the only obstacles that prevent students from earning a college degree. Research indicates that both financial and academic support increase graduation rates, but combining the two dramatically enhances student success. After determining the key factors that affect student retention, the University of Oregon has developed a revolutionary program to keep students on track to receive a diploma in four years and prepare for careers after graduating.

In addition to financial support, PathwayOregon includes academic advising, career and financial counseling, and other services. Commitment to success is also a key component. Students will be required to meet benchmarks each year to retain their eligibility for the program. PathwayOregon will break new ground in higher education, both regionally and nationally. It will be a first in the state of Oregon. Although similar programs are offered at select institutions across the country, few (if any) offer the comprehensive academic

support that PathwayOregon will provide. Studies show that making early contact with freshmen, addressing their personal needs, monitoring their progress, and addressing minor problems before they turn into major obstacles can all help improve student performance. And that’s exactly what PathwayOregon will do.

### One Person Makes the Difference

PathwayOregon will be comprehensive and offer a broad array of services, but the most important asset for each student will be just one person: his or her adviser. For a college freshman, finding your way around nearly 300 acres of campus with 120 buildings and more than 20,000 students can be daunting. From their first class to the day they don caps and gowns, students will know they have someone to count on. Working proactively with PathwayOregon scholars, these advisers will help students chart their four-year plans, address challenges along the way, connect with faculty members, and explore career opportunities. To continue receiving financial support, PathwayOregon scholars will be required to take at least twelve credits each quarter, fulfill basic graduation requirements in a timely manner, and update financial aid paperwork.

### Integrated Academic Support

- Program coordinators to help students get the services they need, track their progress in meeting requirements, and help them connect with faculty mentors
- Workshops on time and money management, career exploration, and study techniques
- Access to tutors and mentors, and assistance preparing for graduate school
- Ongoing relationships with faculty mentors, offering comprehensive support