



## Oregon State University, Office of Research Joins the HIBAR Research Alliance

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CORVALLIS, Ore – Oregon State University announces that it has joined eleven other prestigious research universities, which make up the Highly Integrative Basic and Responsive (HIBAR) Research Alliance (HRA). The HRA is dedicated to enhancing fundamental research excellence in service to society.

Lorne Whitehead, interim director of the alliance states, “Oregon State University was unanimously and enthusiastically admitted into the HIBAR Research Alliance at its last Governance Council meeting. We welcome OSU due its strengths in combining applied and fundamental research. HIBAR research has a strong diverse history of yielding major breakthroughs such as the transistor and penicillin”.

A research project is considered HIBAR if it combines applied and fundamental research in all four of the following key ways:

- Integrating purpose, by having an intent to solve problems and a desire for discovery;
- Integrating methods, using creative design and traditional academic investigation;
- Integrating leadership, by academics co-leading projects with societal experts;
- Integrating timeframes, by maintaining a strong sense of urgency over a long haul.

Irem Tumer, Vice President for Research, interim said, “Being a part of the HRA is in alignment with OSU’s focus on integrating basic and applied research in projects which have the potential for significant societal impact. An exciting current example is the development of a new small modular reactor design, which is leading this whole new field in developing small, safer and cost effective reactors, which can reduce the demand for fossil intensive energy generation. We welcome our membership and look forward to interacting with the members on numerous new projects”.

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About:

The HIBAR Research Alliance is made up of Arizona State University, Brandeis University, The University of British Columbia, University of California – Davis, University of California – Los Angeles, University of California – San Diego, University of Idaho, University of Maryland, McMaster University, Oregon State University, University of South Florida and Washington State University. More about the HRA can be found [here](#).

US News and World Report, 2019, listed Oregon State University as the number one university in the Pacific Northwest for innovation. Last year, it reported nearly \$440m in sponsored research grants, which included a number of HIBAR projects. More about OSU research can be found [here](#).