

# Center of Excellence in Applied Computing Oregon Institute of Technology

Enhancing Innovation, Education, and Economic Growth

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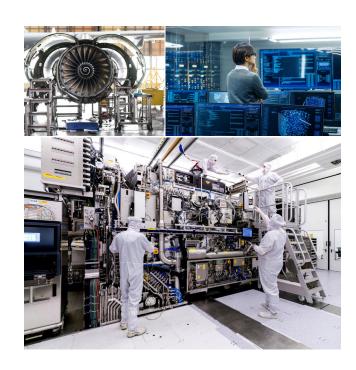
## Introduction

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# What is the Center of Excellence in Applied Computing?

- A world-leading hub for applying advanced computing technologies to solve real-world problems
- Focus on hands-on equipment use, model-based problem solving, experimental design, and project-based work
- Development of man-machine-Al interfaces for both direct and remote access to high-value technological tools
- Key Technological Fields: Semiconductor, advanced manufacturing, high-performance computing, Healthcare





## OIT Programs that Will Benefit

#### **Geomatics Program**

Foundation for the Applied Computing Department

### **Collaborating Departments**

- Computer Systems Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy
- Manufacturing and Mechanical Engineering and Technology
- Mathematics
- Natural Sciences

#### **Supporting Programs**

- Cybersecurity, Information Technology, Data Science
- Business Management, Mathematics, Health Science





# Benefits to Oregon Tech

#### **Enhancement of Educational Offerings**

- Access to state-of-the-art technologies
- Hands-on learning experiences

#### **Alignment with Oregon Tech's Mission**

- Fostering student and graduate success
- Emphasizing innovation, scholarship, and applied research

## **Preparation for High-Demand Careers**

Creating job opportunities in advanced technological fields

#### **Collaboration with Industry Partners**

Ensuring curriculum and research alignment with market needs





## State-Level Impact

#### **Economic Growth and Job Creation**

- Driving economic growth in critical sectors
- Creating quality jobs in semiconductors, advanced manufacturing, and renewable energy
- Upskilling the Workforce

## **Enhancing Regional Competitiveness**

- Fostering inclusive innovation
- Ensuring equitable access to advanced tools and technologies

## **Support for Underserved Communities**

Impacting rural areas, tribal communities, and people with disabilities





## State-Level Partners

- Link Oregon
- Technology Association of Oregon (TAO)
- Oregon Manufacturing Innovation Center (OMIC)
- Oregon Nanoscience and Microtechnologies Institute (ONAMI)
- Oregon Translational Research and Development Institute (OTRADI)
- Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems (PUR)
- Oregon Semiconductor Center of Innovation Excellence (OSCIE)
- Oregon Bioscience Incubator (OBI)
- Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)
- Higher Education Council Commission (HECC)
- Hatfield School of Government
- Business Oregon
- Governor's Office State of Oregon







# Strategic Goals

## **Developing a Skilled Workforce**

Training students and professionals in advanced computing technologies

## **Fostering Innovation and Research**

• Encouraging interdisciplinary research and development

## **Building an Inclusive Innovation Ecosystem**

Ensuring broad access to technological tools and education





## **Grant Opportunities**

Quantum Computing: \$1.184Million awarded through the FY2025 Commerce-Justice-Science Appropriations Act

NSF 24-565: NSF Regional Innovation Engines: creates regional-scale, technology-driven, inclusive innovation ecosystem

NSF 24-530: Campus Cyberinfrastructure (CC\*) Data Driven Networking Infrastructure for the Campus & Region

Future Ready Oregon: Advances a more equitable workforce system and aims to increase opportunities for a diverse workforce





## **Action Items**

- 1. Develop significant grant capability and submit multiple grants.
- 2. Build Partnerships working with TAO and Business Oregon
- 3. Establish a Physical Center for Faculty and Students
- 4. Propose a program of micro credentials stackable into a Graduate Program
- 5. Hire Key Staff (Director)



Q&A