

Innovation and Impact Award

The Innovation and Impact Award recognizes an outstanding individual or team that distinguished themselves and the university through entrepreneurial activities that resulted in innovations with a measurable societal or environmental impact and/or individuals whose broader public engagement activity has proactively shared their research or viewpoints on research and policy issues with the public via traditional and/or new media channels.

[Gerald Tindal](#), professor emeritus in the College of Education, and the [Behavioral Research and Teaching team](#) are recognized for the four major assessments that BRT has created—accommodating a range of learners, including those with disabilities or where English is not their first language. These tools have provided educators with access to information and data they can use quickly to improve learning for students, particularly those with the greatest need. BRT's tools are used by millions of students throughout the country. A nominator wrote, "Dr. Tindal and the BRT Team's tools have transformed how U.S. educators use data to improve student learning in pre-K–12 by providing precise and timely progress-monitoring data that helps teachers tailor instruction and accelerate growth for struggling learners."

Career Research Faculty Award

The Career Research Faculty Award goes to non-tenure track faculty to recognize and celebrate a substantial and impactful scholarly record on our campus or their work providing exceptional and innovative technical support to UO researchers.

[Joseph Nese](#), research professor in the College of Education, is recognized for his accomplishments in developing and improving systems that enhance educational practices and student outcomes. Nese's work seeks to bridge the gap between research and practice to ensure that tools and methodologies support equitable and effective learning environments for children.

A nominator wrote, "Over his nearly 17 years of research, teaching, and service to the UO community, Joe has demonstrated exemplary leadership across numerous federally funded research grants, has made a profound impact on our national scholarly community of educational researchers, has supported the development of research careers for students and junior faculty, and has consistently been a thoughtful research partner, collaborator, and joy to work with."

Staff Excellence Award (Classified or OA)

[Joshua Hudlow](#), Product Support Specialist at BRT, has transformed support for the easyCBM Teacher Deluxe system, cut response times to 24 hours, redesigned customer communications, and launched the program's first coordinated marketing effort. He partners closely with programmers to turn customer feedback into lasting system improvements and has overhauled more than 300 Help Desk responses and developed training materials to make research-based practices accessible to educators.

Teachers across rural, urban, and international schools consistently praise his clear, thoughtful communication. Joshua's initiative, collaborative spirit, and commitment to equity have elevated both the easyCBM program and the team around it!

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