Oregon State University has been a UCAR member since 1971. Its College of Earth, Ocean and Atmospheric Sciences (EOAS) remains deeply involved in the UCAR interest areas of oceanic and atmospheric sciences. EOAS has 90 teaching and research faculty as well as 26 research staff, giving it a large UCAR footprint across both the atmospheric and oceanic sciences. The college currently has 450 undergraduates and 180 graduate students, with a good student / faculty ratio. EOAS has graduated 371 BS, 40 MS, and 30 PhD students in the last five years, suggesting reasonable undergraduate graduation and graduate student progress rates. EOAS offers masters and doctoral degrees in the UCAR interest areas of Atmospheric Science and Physical/Chemical Oceanography, along with various others. Undergraduate degrees are offered in Earth Sciences (Geography, Geology, and Ocean Science) and Environmental Sciences. Moreover, EOAS is starting an undergraduate program in climate science. The college is thus a strong teaching presence across a broad range of UCAR interest areas.

Research at EOAS is also strong with $40 million in annual funding by agencies including the National Science Foundation, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Office of Naval Research, and United States Geologic. The majority of the college’s research is in UCAR interest areas. EOAS demonstrates research leadership at both regional and global levels. The college operates several nationally important research facilities including the open-ocean research vessel OCEANUS. EOAS maintains appropriate laboratory, computer and basing facilities for a research endeavor of this scope. In short, Oregon State University is a major player in both atmospheric and marine sciences and is a major facilitator of research in those areas by other UCAR member institutions.

UCAR activity by the EOAS faculty is strong and highly varied, ranging from field experiment participation to use of NCAR facilities and UCAR governance at all levels.

The UCAR Membership Committee concludes that the membership criteria are fulfilled, and recommends to the Members’ Representatives that the membership of Oregon State University be continued as provided by the bylaws.