July 1, 2019

Dear Colleagues,

The university has been given a generous gift by Ripple centered around support for Blockchain related research. See <a href="https://around.uoregon.edu/content/ripple-partnership-puts-uo-elite-company-blockchain-research">https://around.uoregon.edu/content/ripple-partnership-puts-uo-elite-company-blockchain-research</a> for last year's the AroundtheO story on this.

There is funding to support two to four Ripple Graduate Fellows per year. Specifically:

To provide fellowship awards to one or more graduate students in the College of Arts and Sciences who are interested in research related to Secure Digital Transactions in one or more of the following areas: Cybersecurity, as it related to the following, blockchain and distributed systems, cryptocurrency and secure financial transactions and cryptography.

Selection is based on quality of academic work and achievement with a preference for female students and underrepresented populations.

For students to apply, they should submit by **August 1st** to **Jules Jones** in the CAS Dean's office (julesj@uoregon.edu):

- (1) A brief (no more than three pages) description of the work they intend to do. This should include at the top the name, department, advisor and ID number of the student.
- (2) A current vita.

In addition, they should request that their advisor submit

(3) A one-page statement addressing the quality of the student's work sofar and the feasibility of the proposal.

Sincerely,

Hal Sadofsky

Divisional Dean for the Natural Sciences