The OSU Ecampus Research Unit (ECRU) makes research actionable through the creation of evidence-based resources related to effective online teaching, learning and program administration toward the fulfillment of the goals of Oregon State's mission.

Specifically, the ECRU conducts original research and provides resources to encourage faculty research and external grant applications related to online teaching and learning.

Established in 2015, the ECRU regularly publishes the results of national and local studies, and it produces a weekly podcast, “Research in Action (https://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/podcast),” to address topics and issues facing researchers nationwide.

In late 2017, the ECRU created the Online Learning Efficacy Research Database, a new repository of academic studies that allows users to explore whether the learning outcomes of online education are equivalent to face-to-face environments. As of September 2018, the Online Learning Efficacy Research Database has 219 citations across 74 discrete disciplines from 161 academic journals. The database is updated each month with additions of new studies that fit the database parameters.

The Research Unit houses a competitive award program to fund Oregon State faculty in their online learning research endeavors. Learn more about the Ecampus Research Fellows (ECRF) program, its goals, timeline and the materials you'll need to apply online (http://ecampus.oregonstate.edu/research/fellows).