

OMSI Accelerated 2021-2025

We stand at unique inflection point on OMSI's history and our ability to activate our mission in the community - to inspire curiosity and stimulate informed action. And we believe that our community needs OMSI more than ever to support scientific thinking, advance opportunities for all, empower us to tackle global challenges, and transform STEAM education. This also means that we will reimagine the boundaries of our organization in Portland, across the state, and online, and invest in partnerships that serve traditionally underserved communities.

The OMSI Accelerated campaign will invest in core areas to support this transformation. Natural sciences will empower youth to understand and work against climate change; digital learning will expand our reach and depth of engagement across the northwest; our early childhood education programs will expand across the state to support our children's first science educators; and OMSI for All makes our programs more accessible and sustainable for generations to come.



Digital Learning

Digital platforms will broaden our reach and bridge opportunity gaps for audiences across the state. OMSI will focus on deepening experiences for audiences underserved in STEAM education, creating hands-on and digital hybrid experiences for schools and families.

Investments in technology will facilitate content creation, and partnerships with culturally-specific organizations experiences will ensure responsive and engaging content for all audiences.



Natural Sciences

A complete re-imagining of a core permanent exhibit hall will invite audiences to engage with climate change – on one of the most urgent global issues of our times.

A series of immersive experiences will guide visitors to a deeper understanding of climate change through the sciences and the stories of the people most affected, using empowering hands-on exhibits that invite creative problem solving.



Early Childhood Education

Investing in early childhood STEAM education for children and caregivers deepens our impact across the region, counteracts inequities at their root, and supports quality, early childhood care for all Oregon children. OMSI’s whole-family focused method of education is uniquely positioned to engage and inspire educators to foster STEAM identity early.

The reach of our early childhood science education program will extend across the state through our professional development trainings, parenting workshops, and culturally sustaining programming



OMSI for ALL

We imagine a world that embraces everyone’s curiosity and invites us all to use evidence-based decision making that leads to informed action. This vision requires everyone having a seat at the table. OMSI is investing in making our facilities more accessible and sustainable and in reducing barriers to our programming.

We will see an expansion of OMSI financial aid and investments in building programs and spaces that are more accessible to students with a variety of identities and abilities.

OMSI Partnerships

OMSI Accelerated relies on partnerships that can ensure programs and exhibits meet the needs of the community and invites all audiences to our experiences.



OMSI Accelerated Investments

The OMSI Accelerated campaign is looking for investments totaling \$6,000,000 in program development, exhibit development, and facilities infrastructure.

Digital Learning	\$1,920,000
Natural Sciences	\$1,502,400
Early Childhood Education	\$621,600
OMSI for All	\$1,956,000
TOTAL	\$6,000,000