

Mid-Career Achievement

Brian Collins

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A versatile, innovative, and effective educator, Brian Collins is internationally recognized for his research accomplishments in the physics of organic semiconductors, optoelectronics, and related areas.

Through his forward-thinking and highly productive research program—strengthened by his long partnership with a premier national laboratory—he brings an array of opportunity, visibility, and prestige to his department and the greater university. He has attracted more than \$2.5 million in external grants to support his own widely cited research and the work of his colleagues and students. Funds he helped secure enabled purchase of a specialized instrument that is crucial not only to his work but, being unique in the Pacific Northwest, will attract users from across campus and regionwide.

Brian has taught at all levels, including a graduate course he co-developed, and he successfully revitalized student interest in experimental physics in a way that fosters cooperation across disciplines. A trusted mentor and counselor to numerous graduate students, he motivates his students to think critically and creatively about their research and to tackle difficult problems with curiosity and enthusiasm.

Brian has made many lasting contributions to his department and his field through his demonstrated commitment to teaching and research excellence.

