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Montana State University is a [founding member of a regional technology hub](#) that will receive a \$41 million federal grant to help create tech jobs across Montana.

MSU was [featured in the 2024 CWTS Leiden Ranking](#), which lists more than 1,500 universities worldwide based on their contributions to international scientific journals. MSU is ranked 168th out of the 206 universities in the U.S. that made the list.

MSU has been designated by the [Association of Public and Land-grant Universities](#), as an Innovation and Economic Prosperity University, highlighting MSU's commitment to economic engagement with public and private sector partners in Montana and the region.

Regents Professor Neil Cornish was appointed by [NASA](#) to the [science advisory team](#) for the multi-billion-dollar international space mission, expected to begin in the mid-2030s.

The student chapter of [American Indigenous Business Leaders](#) at MSU [earned second place](#) in the 2024 National AIBL Business Plan Competition, university division, at AIBL's Business and Leadership Student Conference.

Montana State film professor's paper titled "[Lessons from the 2022 Yellowstone Floods: The Power of Documentary Film Interviews](#)," [was published by the Natural Hazards Center](#), a division of the National Science Foundation.

MSU scientist Blake Wiedenheft received the [Agricultural Research and Innovation Award](#) from [agInnovation West](#), an organization made up of the experiment station directors and agriculture deans at land-grant universities.

MSU's [Central Agricultural Research Center](#) scientists are aiming to [maximize the yield and profit](#) that come from wheat, barley and pulse crop acreage, in central Montana.

Tami Peters, a student in [MSU's medical laboratory science program](#), was one of four students in the U.S. to receive a \$5,000 scholarship from the American Proficiency Institute, one of the nation's preeminent medical laboratory science organizations.

MSU graduate student Haley Ketteler was awarded a [distinguished fellowship from NASA](#). She completed her master's degree in electrical engineering and will use the [Space Technology Graduate Research Fellowship](#) to pursue her doctorate in mechanical engineering at MSU.

The [American Council on Education](#) awarded President Waded Cruzado the 2024 ACE Council of Fellows/Fidelity Investments Mentor Award in recognition of her role in mentoring numerous program fellows.