

Equity Research Program



Spend 8 weeks at OHSU working with faculty, scientists, and graduate students as part of the Summer Equity Research Program.

Program Dates

6/24/2024 -

8/16/2024

Internship tracks include:

- Biomedical Sciences
- Medicine
- Dental
- Health Systems & Policy
- Nursing
- Public Health
- Physician's Assistant (PA)

Application Deadline:

January 22nd at 5 PM PST

Letters of
Recommendation due:

February 5th at 5 PM PST

Gain hands-on experience

Program offerings:

- Paid internship with a mentor in an OHSU laboratory, clinical setting or community setting
- Weekly professional development seminars
- A poster presentation of your research project

Who should apply?

- Undergraduate students (first bachelor's degree) from diverse, underserved, underrepresented, economically or socially disadvantaged backgrounds
- Students who completed at least one full year of college coursework
- Housing is available for selected interns who live outside the Portland metro area during the internship

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6 Tracks

Biomedical Sciences: Biomedical research at OHSU spans a variety of medical fields—from basic research to pre-clinical experimentation and direct medical application. Researchers at OHSU investigate molecular disease mechanisms, diagnostic approaches and biomarkers, pharmacological interventions and novel drug design, and therapies such as stem-cell therapy. Partners in Biomedical sciences track: Portland Alcohol Research Center, Oregon Hearing and Research, Knight Cancer Institute's Cancer Early Detection Advanced Research Center, and Graduate Studies.

Health Systems and Policy: How can the health care system deliver the best care to all patients? How do socioeconomic factors, organizational practices, and methods of payment change the quality and cost of healthcare? The Center for Health Systems Effectiveness at OHSU investigates these and other questions in the field of Health Services Delivery Research. Our research spans a variety of topic areas such as opioid prescribing policy, racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic disparities in access and quality of care, as well as the integration of physical, dental and behavioral healthcare services. This track is ideal for students with an interest in health services delivery, population health or data analytics.

School of Dentistry: OHSU School of Dentistry encourages and supports research concerning dental disease, clinical techniques, oral biology and basic biomedical research. More than twenty principal investigators and numerous technical staffs pursue a wide variety of projects, ranging in scope from the basic mechanisms of diseases to evidence-based dental treatment.

School of Nursing: OHSU School of Nursing has been long known for its stellar clinical research programs in areas such as cancer, cardiac, and palliative care, as well as in symptom management and care-giving for families and the elderly. Faculty research clusters in several crucial scientific areas: integrative bio-behavioral research, health equity research, implementation science research, and transformational learning research.

School of Public Health: The Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine is devoted to high quality, relevant and timely public health-related research. As declared in the Department's Core Values, our mission to the public is based on the World Health Organization definition of health: complete physical, mental, and social well-being, not merely the absence of disease and infirmity. The Department of Public Health and Preventative Medicine comprise three divisions: Epidemiology, Health Services Research and Biostatistics. Each division conducts field-specific research but also provides support for one another and for the other departments within OHSU.

Physician Assistant (PA) Program: The mission of the Physician Assistant program is to serve as a model of excellence in physician assistant education by preparing graduates to provide patient-centered, evidence based, and culturally appropriate health care to diverse populations, and to promote lifelong learning, leadership, and service. We value diversity in backgrounds, experiences and perspectives and strive to meet the healthcare needs of both urban and rural under-served communities in Oregon and nationwide.