

## OHSU Background

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) in Portland is the state's only comprehensive public academic health center. With roots back to 1887, OHSU has a long and outstanding history of dedication to improving the health and well-being of people in Oregon and beyond. As part of its public mission, OHSU strives for excellence in education, research and scholarship, clinical practice, and community service. A ten-member Board of Directors nominated by the Governor and confirmed by the Oregon Senate governs OHSU.

OHSU provides leading and often world-renowned educational services through its four schools (Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, and Pharmacy). It is the only place in Oregon that grants doctoral degrees in medicine, dentistry and nursing. With an annual budget of \$1.4 billion, OHSU employs more than 13,400 people, making it the largest employer in Portland and the fourth largest in Oregon (excluding government).

OHSU Healthcare includes OHSU Hospital and Clinics, Doernbecher Children's Hospital and the Faculty Practice Plan, which are Oregon's primary resources for many types of highly specialized or tertiary care. OHSU's hospitals have 560 licensed beds and operate 534 beds (of those 105 are pediatric beds). The university's patient care services also include dozens of general and specialty clinics and diagnostic laboratories. OHSU is a regional resource for patients from Oregon, southwest Washington, Idaho, Montana, Alaska and northern California. OHSU also draws patients from across the country, but the vast majority (89 percent) are Oregon residents. As Oregon's only health and Science University, OHSU is conducting 759 clinical trials to accelerate the translation of research from basic science lab discoveries into treatments that directly benefit patients.

As a leader in research, OHSU earned \$392 million in research funding in fiscal year 2010, including \$70 million in one-time funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. OHSU serves as a catalyst for the region's bioscience industry and is an incubator of discovery, with more than 4,500 research projects currently under way. OHSU disclosed 115 inventions in 2010 and more than 600 since 2005, many of which open new markets, spin-off businesses and create new opportunities.

Beyond providing critical health care services, quality health care education, and cutting-edge research, OHSU also is a key economic and social force in the Northwest. OHSU earns \$32 million in gifts, grants, contracts and service funds for every dollar the state invests in OHSU and drives more than \$3 billion in annual regional economic activity.

### OHSU's Mission Statement

Setting the example for integrity, compassion and leadership, OHSU strives to:

- Educate tomorrow's health professionals, scientists, engineers and managers in top-tier programs that prepare them for a lifetime of learning, leadership and contribution.
- Explore new basic, clinical and applied research frontiers in health and biomedical sciences, environmental and biomedical engineering and information sciences and translate these discoveries, wherever possible, into applications in the health and commercial sectors.
- Deliver excellence in health care, emphasizing the creation and implementation of new knowledge and cutting-edge technologies.
- Lead and advocate for programs that improve health for all Oregonians, and extend OHSU's education, research and health care missions through community service, partnerships and outreach.

### OHSU's Strategic Plan: Vision 2020

OHSU will partner to make Oregon a national leader in health and science innovation for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of all Oregonians. OHSU will:

- Be a leader in applying health and engineering science to solve the world's major health problems.
- Leverage our multiple institutes, centers, schools, departments and individual excellence to generate unique, interdisciplinary solutions to major health issues worldwide.
- Attract and keep the best health and science faculty, and foster greater faculty diversity.
- Develop a new model for health and science education through interdisciplinary and trans-professional collaboration across schools, innovative technology, and academic and community partnership.
- Facilitate solutions to Oregon's health care workforce needs.
- Develop and promote health care delivery models that are innovative in their pursuit of quality, efficiency, transparency and sustainability, and that improve quality of life for patients.

- Advocate for financing and delivery systems that provide fair and equitable health care access for all Oregonians.
- Build innovative partnerships to apply within Oregon and nationally the knowledge and discovery of an academic health center.
- Attract financial resources from public, private and philanthropic source required to sustain and adequately fund our missions.

### The Portland Community

Portland, known as the "City of Roses," is the result of both chance and planning. Having obtained its name by the flip of a coin, the city is today the model of a metropolitan area that has been effectively integrated with its environment through controlled growth and development. Set in the natural beauty of northwest Oregon and lacking such big-city problems as traffic congestion, pollution and litter, Portland is laced with parks, gardens and fountains. A deep-water port, international airport, and a diverse economy make Portland a thriving commercial center, but the primary commitment is to preserving the city's individuality, its healthful environment, and its friendly atmosphere.

Portland has often been called the big city with the small town feel. Its mild weather, breathtaking scenery, exciting location and friendly people have all contributed to its appearance on numerous "Best Of" lists, including Online Insider's "Top 10 Least Expensive Cities", Money Magazine's "Top 10 Places to Vacation" and "Top 10 Best Places to Live", and American Style Magazine's "Top 25 Arts Destinations". Oregon placed fourth in a new ranking of Bike Friendly States that was released by the League of American Bicyclists. Portland demonstrates its commitment to this alternative method of commuting by deferring to bicyclist at traffic signals with the "bike box," a designated, visible and safe point from which to cross intersections.

Nestled between the beautiful Coast Range on the west and the spectacular Cascade Range on the east, Portland sits at the junction of the Columbia and Willamette rivers. From downtown Portland, it is just a 90-minute drive west to the scenic Oregon coast, or east to Mt. Hood and some of the best skiing in the country. Only thirty minutes away lay the peaceful vineyards and farms of the fertile Willamette Valley. The trip to Seattle by car takes less than three hours. With a population of almost two million, Portland is the 28th largest metropolitan area in the country, the fourth largest city on the West Coast, and the largest city in the state. It includes six counties spread over 5,000 square miles.

Portland offers excellent educational opportunities. It has one of the best community college systems in the country, a variety of colleges and universities, and a public school system that produces high school graduates whose SAT scores consistently place in the top five cities nationwide. With 75 neighborhood elementary and middle schools feeding ten local high schools, Portland boasts the state's largest public school system. In

addition, Portland Public Schools offer a wide array of charter and magnet schools, specializing in an assortment of programs, including language immersion, fine arts, International Baccalaureate programs, and technical and health specialties. Portland also offers a large number of private schools that emphasize everything from foreign languages to fine arts to religion.

Oregon has no sales tax and personal income tax is 9 percent of personal income. For more information please refer to the following websites:

[www.ohsu.edu](http://www.ohsu.edu)

[www.portlandalliance.com/about\\_portland/portland-facts.html](http://www.portlandalliance.com/about_portland/portland-facts.html)

[www.travelportland.com](http://www.travelportland.com)

[www.greenlightgreaterportland.com/people/portland-vancouver-diversity-statistics](http://www.greenlightgreaterportland.com/people/portland-vancouver-diversity-statistics)