

Important information about international travel for students

This message is from the Office of the Provost. All students interested in international travel are encouraged to contact their Program Director for more information.

OHSU is committed to increasing the awareness and engagement in global health issues and is currently developing a long-term institutional strategy to accomplish this. However, OHSU also has a responsibility for ensuring the safety of its students during activities related to the completion of their degree and is required to ensure that all educational experiences meet the same academic rigor and acceptable/ethical clinical care standards no matter where they may occur. Based on discussion with the Deans of each school, students who wish to receive academic credit for international travel must do so through program-based activities in which an OHSU-approved faculty member for that program personally oversees the student(s).

As a matter of compliance with our certifying organization, the NWCCU, approval will only be granted when there are clearly stated learning outcomes, program faculty engagement in determining that the experience will meet course and internship criteria, assurances that the activity does not provide traveling students academic advantages over students who are enrolled in the same course/program that do not travel, and that the location is deemed safe to travel to by the US State Department. Overseas activities that meet these criteria will need to be approved by the Office of the Provost on the recommendation of the Dean of the School that the program resides in.

Students enrolled in PhD programs who wish to travel to laboratories outside the US in order to learn new techniques to further their thesis work may do so with Program and Dean's Office approval. However, the laboratory must be at an accredited university or research institution and must not be in a country deemed unsafe to travel to by the US Department of State.

Rare exceptions may be made on a case by case basis and will be granted by the Office of the Provost in collaboration with the academic Program Director and the Dean of the School in which the program resides.