

# Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences

## SUMMER STUDENT RESEARCH AWARDS

### ABOUT THE INTERNSHIP

Occupational Health Sciences' Summer Student Research Awards are 8-10 week paid summer internships designed to introduce undergraduate students to biomedical and occupational health research. The Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences provides unique research opportunities across various basic and applied research areas. Whether studying molecules, cells, organ systems, non-human organisms, or gathering data in the community, students will gain valuable experience conducting a specific project aligned with their host faculty member's research program.

### ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for our internship program, students must be Oregon residents or attend college in Oregon. Students also must be working toward their *first* 4-year degree. Students at all undergraduate levels may apply. If you have graduated within the same academic year as the internship, then we would still consider you eligible to apply. We consider the academic year to begin each fall. If you graduated prior the fall semester or quarter preceding the internship, then you would not be eligible to apply.

### DURATION AND STIPEND

2021 start dates: 6/7/2021 – 6/21/2021

2021 end date: 8/13/2021

If hired, you and your hiring faculty member will decide upon a specific start date within our two week start-date window.

For 2021, interns will be paid a total stipend of \$2500 for an 8-10 week internship. Interns receive their stipend in the form of two payments. Regardless of an intern's start date, checks are mailed at the end of July, and then at the end of August. For the duration of the internship you should expect a 32-hour workweek. Schedules are moderately flexible with prior approval. Due to the relatively short duration of the internship, vacation time is not allowed.

### HOW TO APPLY

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 15, 2021 by 5:00 PM Pacific Time**

Our applications are collected through OHSU's Competitive Application Portal (CAP). You will be able to link to CAP directly from our intern page: <https://www.ohsu.edu/oregon-institute-occupational-health-sciences/summer-internships>.

- 1) Register for an account. Account set-up requires your name, email address, and creating a password.
- 2) Search for our program: *Occupational Health Sciences' Summer Student Research Awards* and click link to begin.

- 3) Complete the cover page information, and upload the following required documents as PDFs:
  - Unofficial transcript(s)
  - Resume
  - Personal Statement (content and format below)
- 4) You will have the option of including a single letter of recommendation in your application. Within your CAP application you would enter your letter writer's email address and click "Send Letter Request" on your saved draft application. Your letter writer will receive an email containing instructions and a unique link where the letter may be uploaded.

*(NOTE: Within the CAP application, the "Proposal Title" field is not applicable to your application. To bypass, you may just enter "n/a".)*

### **Personal Statement**

**CONTENT:** In your personal statement please describe any or all of the following: your exposure to science (including subjects taken, workshops, special classes, volunteer or work experience), relevant activities, scientific/research interests, future educational plans and career goals, and the reasons you would like to participate in this internship – including how this internship would further enhance your educational and career goals. You may also share any obstacles or challenges you have overcome in the pursuit of your educational goals.

**FORMAT:** No longer than 2 pages; no less than 1-inch margins all around; no smaller than font size 11; single-spaced; use standard font, recommend Arial, Helvetica or Times New Roman. Embed no images or links.

## **FAQs**

- 1) **I am a freshman. Can I apply for these awards?**
- 2) **Are letters of recommendation required?**
- 3) **Can I work with a specific faculty member?**
- 4) **What are the available research topics?**
- 5) **Where are the internships located?**
- 6) **Can I take summer classes while I participate in the internship?**
- 7) **Are there dates or events that I will be required to be present during the internship?**
- 8) **What are my chances of being selected?**
- 9) **When do I find out if I was selected?**

### **1. I am a freshman. Can I apply for these awards?**

While your application may be more competitive as an upper classman, freshman may apply and have been awarded internships in previous years.

### **2. Are letters of recommendation required?**

Letters of recommendation are not required, however if you wish to have a recommendation included in your application we have a function within the application to request that your letter writer submit a letter on your behalf.

### **3. Can I work with a specific faculty member?**

We encourage you to read about our [faculty members](#) online and specify in your personal statement one or two faculty members you would like to work with, as well as why you would like to work with them. However, there is no guarantee that you will be able to work with the faculty member of your choice. You are welcome to email a faculty member separately about your interest in their work.

### **4. What are the available research topics?**

Scientists at the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences are a multidisciplinary group conducting both basic and applied research that broadly focuses on prevention of injury and disease, and the promotion of health in the workplace. Specific areas of expertise can viewed in more detail on our [Research Areas](#) page. We encourage applicants to view our [faculty's lab pages](#) to learn about their current research.

### **5. Where are the internships located?**

For 2021, our internships will be conducted virtually. In previous years, our internship appointments are located at the [Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences](#) on the Marquam Hill campus of Oregon Health & Science University in Portland, Oregon.

### **6. Are there dates or events that I will be required to be present during the internship?**

Yes. There are a few events that you are required to attend as part of your internship. For 2021, these events or meetings will be held virtually. The internship's poster presentation always occurs during the second week in August. We will have a few other required meetings related to your program that will be scheduled as we get closer to summer.

### **7. Can I take summer classes while I participate in the internship?**

We do not recommend that students take on summer classes at the same time as participating in the internship. In fact, we discourage it. Your hiring faculty member will expect you to be fully engaged in your internship, periodic intern meetings and scheduled activities. For the summer you are considered an integral part of their lab. We do have the option for interns to gain course credit for their time if that is desired. Course credit is not in lieu of a stipend; all interns receive a stipend whether or not they choose course credit.

### **8. What are my chances of being selected?**

The number of applicants we receive each year has ranged from 60-150. Normally, between 8-16 interns are selected each year, depending on the ability of each lab to accommodate a student.

### **9. When do I find out if I was selected?**

We make every effort to notify the applicant pool of our decisions by the middle to end of April. Our goal is to have our selections finalized within a month of the application deadline so that we can notify the applicants in a timely manner.

## **ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?**

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