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INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION

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LEADERSHIP MESSAGE

There is a growing interest in innovation and entrepreneurship and its importance to the U.S. economy. In 2024, United For Medical Research

(UMR) reported that for every dollar invested in NIH research funding, there was an estimated economic return of \$2.56. UMR more recently reported in its [annual report](#) that NIH research funding in Fiscal Year 2024 generated \$94.58 billion in new economic activity nationwide, directly and indirectly supporting 407,782 jobs. In a time of uncertainty, OHSU Innovates continues to act on its mission to advance OHSU discoveries, innovation and entrepreneurship for the benefit of society. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us so that we can help you along with your innovation journey, wherever you may be.

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FEATURED STORY

**Celebrate Innovation This Spring with
OHSU Innovates' Virtual Seminar Series,
*Innovation for All: A Path Forward***

INNOVATION FOR ALL: A PATH FORWARD

2025 Virtual Seminar Series

May 1, 8, 15, 29
1 to 2 p.m. PDT



This May, OHSU Innovates is celebrating the innovator in everyone with its [2025 Virtual Seminar Series Innovation for All: A Path Forward](#). The four-part series is in full swing and covers a wide range of topics highlighting the creativity, collaboration and problem-solving potential that thrives within the OHSU community and beyond.

The series kicked off on Thursday, May 1 with an inspiring conversation featuring [Amanda Bruegl, M.D.](#), who shared how she has drawn on her roles as a physician, researcher and entrepreneur to address critical gaps in healthcare, particularly for Indigenous communities. A gynecologic cancer specialist and member of the Oneida Nation, Bruegl has advanced provider education and community-based cancer prevention efforts, while candidly discussing the challenges of balancing her professional work with family life. She also discusses how she and her husband, [Erik Brodt, M.D.](#) (Ojibwe), co-founded [Ginew](#), the first Native American-owned denim company, and launched [Turtle Moon Farm](#), an agritourism venture in Troutdale, Oregon. If you missed the session, you can view the [recording](#).

Check out the schedule of upcoming seminars.

Thursday, May 8 | 1 - 2 p.m. PDT - Turning Your Research into Real-World Impact with Technology Transfer

Join OHSU's Technology Development and Licensing team for a practical discussion on how technology transfer supports the community in transforming discoveries into market-ready solutions. Learn how intellectual property is protected, how commercial partnerships are formed, and how the team helps navigate contracts, startup formation, and more. [Register through Eventbrite.](#)

Thursday, May 15 | 1 - 2 p.m. PDT - Exploring Beyond Academia: Career Paths for Ph.D.s

Thinking about your next step after a Ph.D.? This webinar explores careers outside academia, including roles in regulatory affairs, industry R&D, startups, and patent law. Hear firsthand from professionals who have successfully transitioned and learn how to position your skills for new opportunities. [Register through Eventbrite.](#)

Thursday, May 29 | 1 - 2 p.m. PDT - Rethinking Funding: Tapping into New Streams of Research Support

Looking beyond traditional federal grants? This session features panelists from industry, foundations, and state organizations who will share alternative funding strategies to help support your research and expand your impact. [Register through Eventbrite.](#)

Announcements

Meet Our Newest OHSU Innovates & Commercialization Interns

2025 INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION INTERNS



Ryan Doan, Ph.D.



Spandana Naldiga, Ph.D.

For over 20 years, the [OHSU Innovation and Commercialization internship](#) has supported scientists in career transition by providing hands-on experience in technology development and commercialization, while helping bring OHSU discoveries from the lab to the marketplace. We are excited to welcome our two newest interns:

Ryan Doan is a postdoctoral scholar at the Vollum Institute with a Ph.D. in neuroscience from OHSU. His interest in commercialization was sparked by research that contributed to the formation of startup companies. He looks forward to gaining hands-on experience in translating scientific discoveries into commercial applications.

Spandana Naldiga holds a Ph.D. in molecular biology from the University of Connecticut and has experience in various scientific fields, including cancer research and immunology. She is now exploring career paths beyond the lab, with a focus on patent law and technology transfer.

OHSU Innovates looks forward to working with Ryan and Spandana and supporting their growth throughout the program.

Collaborate with Industry: A Quick Start for OHSU Innovators

OHSU Innovates is here to help researchers and clinicians identify, form and grow meaningful collaborations with industry partners. These partnerships can accelerate research, translate innovations into patient care and improve health outcomes.

To support your journey, we have released a new [Quick Start Guide: How to Approach Industry Partnerships at OHSU](#). This one-page overview offers practical tips and key considerations to help you engage with industry effectively.

Have questions or need guidance? Reach out to OCE@ohsu.edu

FEATURED EVENT

Oregon Innovation Showcase



The [Oregon Innovation Showcase](#) connects deep tech investors with Oregon's thriving innovation ecosystem. The event will feature successful Oregon-grown companies, emerging startups seeking funding, and the state's resources that help de-risk investments.

Focused on deep tech and scalable, innovation-driven companies, the showcase offers a unique opportunity to network with investors and explore the future of Oregon's startup landscape. [Register now.](#)

WHEN: **Monday, May 19 - Tuesday, May, 20**

WHERE: **The Sentinel Hotel, 614 SW 11th Ave,
Portland, Oregon**

WHO: Researchers, students, post-docs, entrepreneurs,
and investors

COST: \$49.00 - \$299.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, May 12 [Startup Business Essentials: Strategic
Planning for Success](#)

Wednesday, May 14 [OEN May PubTalk: Portland Startup
Week Networking](#)

Thursday, May 15 [OBI Virtual Lunch & Learn: Navigating Non-Dilutive Funding-the SBIR-STTR Edition](#)

Tuesday, May 20 [Accelerate Biotech Happy Hour](#)
(Following Oregon Innovation Showcase)

Wednesday, May 21 [Oregon Bioscience Association Bio Impact](#)

Wednesday, Jun 11 [OEN June PubTalk: Angel Investors: What Makes a Startup Investable?](#)

Thursday, Jun 26 [Oregon Bio Women CONNECT](#)

Friday, Jun 27 [2025 Invent Oregon Finals](#)

TECHNOLOGIES

Featured technologies available for licensing

A selection of OHSU-developed technologies available for licensing to industry partners. For more technologies visit the [OHSU Technology Portal](#).

[OHSU 3127](#) - A microcontroller for easier whole-cell patch clamping on dendrites and axons

Newly Licensed or Optioned OHSU Technologies

Congratulations to the inventors of these technologies, which were recently licensed or optioned to outside partners.

[OHSU 1771](#) - Materials from the BioLibrary

OHSU 3155 - Compositions of the cardiac safe Pan-BCR-ABL inhibitors for cancer treatment ([Brian J. Druker, M.D.](#), [Sanjay Malhotra, Ph.D.](#), [Jeffrey W. Tyner, Ph.D.](#))

[OHSU 3191](#) - Workplace Mental Health Support Training for Leaders ([Leslie Hammer, Ph.D.](#))

OHSU 3324 - Dynamic, Interactive, Learning-Centric Assessment with generative AI for Clinical Reasoning ([Diana Brewer, PA](#))

OHSU 3364 - Virtual EMS-focused Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) curriculum ([Matthew Hansen, M.D., M.C.R.](#), [Trang Huynh, M.D.](#))

U.S. Patents Issued

Congratulations to the OHSU inventors of this recently issued U.S. patent.

[Patent 12,268,690](#) - Treatments For Mutations In Acute Myeloid Leukemia

[Patent 12,263,037](#) - Ultrasound-based Intravascular Placement Guide Structure

[Patent 12,251,160](#) - Systems and methods for automated widefield optical coherence tomography angiography

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