



OREGON NATIONAL  
PRIMATE  
Research Center

# ***Oregon National Primate Research Center PUBLIC OUTREACH PROGRAMS 2025-2026***

The Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) is an institute of Oregon Health & Science University, located on OHSU's West Campus, in Beaverton, OR. One of 7 National Primate Research Centers located throughout the country and supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), ONPRC serves as a national resource to biomedical scientists who require nonhuman primate models for their research. To learn more about the National Primate Research Centers, visit [www.nprc.org](http://www.nprc.org) To learn about specific research programs conducted at ONPRC, visit [www.ohsu.edu/onprc](http://www.ohsu.edu/onprc)

## **FOR THE CLASSROOM and/or GENERAL PUBLIC**

### **In Person Tours**

Tours of the Primate Center are very popular with teachers throughout the northwest and beyond. We can accommodate groups ranging in size from 10-50. Tours feature an age-appropriate presentation followed by a tour of the breeding colonies of rhesus macaques and Japanese macaques ("Snow Monkeys"). Depending on the content, tours last 90 minutes to 2.5 hours. ***The minimum age requirement for tours is 10 years (5th grade).***

To schedule a tour, please complete the following tour request [form](#).

### **Virtual Tour**

If you are unable to visit our center in person, please see our virtual tour [video](#).

## **FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**

### **Summer High School Student Apprenticeship Program**

Scientists at the ONPRC serve as mentors to high school students through Saturday Academy's Apprenticeships in Science and Engineering program (ASE). Students are paid a stipend to conduct research over an 8-week period under the direction of a Primate Center scientist. Project descriptions are uploaded by January and the application deadline is the first week of March. For more information, or to download an application, visit Saturday Academy's [website](#).

## **Science Ambassadors (For high school students and 5<sup>th</sup> graders)**

This program provides opportunities for high school students to learn about cutting-edge science while developing their leadership skills. High school students meet weekly throughout the school year. They learn about science from Primate Center researchers and develop and implement hands-on activities relating to important science concepts to share with the 5<sup>th</sup> grader “mentees” who join the group twice a month. Updated information and application materials are uploaded by September 30 each year and can be accessed at <https://www.ohsu.edu/onprc/volunteer-opportunities>

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## **FOR UNDERGRADUATES**

### **Undergraduate Summer Fellowship Program (USF)**

Scientists at the ONPRC welcome undergraduate students from across the country and beyond who successfully complete a rigorous application process. All interns receive a \$4,000 stipend and complete a 8- week internship, working under a West Campus mentor scientist. Applications are due at the end of January each year and students are notified of their status in March. Updated project descriptions and application materials are uploaded in the Fall each year. For more information or to submit an application, visit <https://www.ohsu.edu/onprc/training-and-education>

### **Provost Scholar Summer Fellowship Program**

Applicants must be entering their junior or senior years of college, attend a 4-year college in the state of Oregon, and come from a group that is recognized as historically underrepresented in the health and science professions (including African-American/Black, Native American/Alaskan Native, Pacific Islander and Hispanic/Latinx). All interns receive a \$4,000 stipend and complete a 8- week internship, working under a West Campus mentor scientist. Applications are due at the end of January each year and students are notified of their status in March. Updated project descriptions and application materials are uploaded in the fall each year. For more information or to submit an application, visit <https://www.ohsu.edu/onprc/training-and-education>

## **FOR HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**

### **Murdock Trust Partners in Science Program**

Scientists at OHSU's West Campus (the Oregon National Primate Research Center (ONPRC) and the Vaccine & Gene Therapy Institute (VGTI)) serve as mentors to high school teachers through participation in the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust's Partners-in-Science program. Successful applicants receive grant support to conduct research under the direction of a Primate Center investigator for two consecutive summers. For more information visit <http://www.murdock-trust.org/grants/partners-science.php> , or email Kayla McDaniel at [mcdankay@ohsu.edu](mailto:mcdankay@ohsu.edu)

## **FOR VETERINARY TRAINEES**

### **Veterinary Externship Program**

OHSU/ONPRC offers students enrolled in accredited veterinary medicine programs a variety of elective experiences that can be tailored to suit the needs of the individual students. In this year-round program, students can build their own program consisting of 2-week increments in a specific location. Students may elect to continue with a specific mentor for up to 8 weeks, or longer by special arrangement. Contact Jeffrey Stanton, DVM ([stantoje@ohsu.edu](mailto:stantoje@ohsu.edu)) for more information about this program.

### **Veterinary Technician Externship Program**

Vet tech students from PCC and other accredited veterinary technician programs are welcomed for 5-8 week externships at ONPRC. During this time, students learn to provide medical care for non-human primates from our expert animal care specialists, as well as spending time in the rodent colony. Contact Jeffrey Stanton, DVM ([stantoje@ohsu.edu](mailto:stantoje@ohsu.edu)) for more information about this program.

## **SPEAKERS BUREAU**

The ONPRC can provide speakers on a variety of topics, including caring for laboratory animals; how aging affects the brain, reproductive system, and immune system; contraception and fertility issues; obesity and metabolic disease; careers in biomedical research; addiction; embryonic stem cells; ethical issues associated with animal research and/or embryonic stem cell research; and the effects of stress on the body. This program will be returning during the 2025-2026 school year.

## **ASK AN EXPERT**

Students are often asked by their teachers to contact an expert in connection with a particular question they may be researching. If you are in need of an expert opinion in a particular area of biomedical research, we can help!



*If you have questions or require additional information, contact Kayla McDaniel, Education & Outreach Coordinator ([mcdankay@ohsu.edu](mailto:mcdankay@ohsu.edu)). All Primate Center activities/events are subject to availability.*