

# OHSU Equity & Ted R. Lilley Cancer CURE program Overview

The OHSU **Summer Equity Research Program**, sponsored by the OHSU Center for Diversity & Inclusion, offers an exciting opportunity for college undergraduate students to spend eight to 10 weeks during the summer working with faculty and graduate students in a research setting. The Equity program has three tracks; Medicine, Dentistry, and Graduate Studies. Students participate in weekly seminars, meetings, and present a scientific research poster at the end of the program. Students receive career mentoring from OHSU faculty.

Selection Process: The Summer Equity Research Program is targeted to talented students who have experienced significant economic or social disadvantage. Selection is based on grade point average, course work, articulated goals, letters of recommendations and previous lab work. The selection of the applicants is also based on the student's ability to have a meaningful research experience and likelihood to continue a career in the sciences.

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## Graduate Studies

**Student: Erin O'Shea, Portland State University**  
**Mentor: Tamara J. Phillips, PhD**  
Department of Behavioral Neuroscience

**Student: Johnson, Christina, Willamette Univ.**  
**Mentor: Deb Finn, PhD**  
Department of Behavioral Neuroscience

**Student: Merhawi Mehari, Cal State East Bay**  
**Mentor: Owen McCarty, PhD**  
Department of Biomedical Engineering

**Student: Janell Payano Sosa, Univ. of Maryland**  
**Mentor: Suzanne Mitchell, PhD**  
Department of Behavioral Neuroscience

## Dentistry

**Student: Y-Thien Hoang, University of Portland**  
**Mentor: John Mitchell, PhD**  
Department of Restorative Dentistry

**Student: Laura Gutierrez, Chemeketa CC**  
**Mentor: David Morton, PhD**  
Department of Integrative Biosciences

**Student: Konstantin Tachan, Whitworth Univ.**  
**Mentor: Carmem Pfeifer, DDS, PhD**  
Department of Restorative Dentistry

## Medicine

**Student: Kenny Regis, Fort Valley State University**  
**Mentor: James Tanyi, PhD**  
Department of Radiation Medicine

**Student: Ashlei Wells, Howard University**  
**Mentor: Robert Martindale, MD, PhD**  
Department of Surgery

**Student: Alejandra Marquez Loza, OR State Univ.**  
**Mentor: Kari Buck, PhD**  
Department of Behavioral Neuroscience

**Student: Arena del Mar Morillo, Lewis and Clark**  
**Mentor: Terry Morgan, MD, PhD**  
Department of Cytology and Surgical Pathology

**Student: Salvador Lopez, Heritage College**  
**Mentor: Detlev Boison, PhD**  
Department of Neuroscience

**Student: Allyson Knapper, Rice University**  
**Mentor: Hiroyuki Nakai, MD, PhD**  
Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics

**Student: Bahar Kasimi, Portland State Univ.**  
**Mentor: Claudio Mello, PhD**  
Department of Behavioral Neuroscience

**Student: Eduardo Rodriguez, Univ. of Portland**  
**Mentor: Andrey Ryabinin, PhD**  
Department of Neuroscience

**Student: Jorge Gonzalez, University of Portland**  
**Mentor: Dominic Siler**  
Department of Neurosurgery

**Student: Ryan Bailey-Crandell, Milwaukie HS**  
**Mentor: Allison Anacker**  
Department of Neuroscience

## The Ted R. Lilley Cancer Continuing Umbrella of Research Education (CURE)

Project is sponsored by funding from the Ted R. Lilley Foundation and supported administratively by the OHSU Center for Diversity & Inclusion and the Knight Cancer Institute.

The goals of this program is to provide hands-on research experience and science exposure to increase participation of underserved and minority students in biomedical research and other health-related fields.

**Selection Process:** Current sophomores and juniors from Oregon High Schools (preference for selection given to Public Schools) belonging to a group that is historically underrepresented or socially and economically disadvantaged are eligible for application and consideration. Selection is based on grade point average, course work, student essays, and letters of recommendations.

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**Student: Amanu Haile, Westview HS**

**Mentor: James Tanyi, PhD**

Department of Radiation Medicine

**Student: Alvaro Flores, Aloha HS**

**Mentor: Mitchel Turker, PhD, JD**

Department of Molecular & Medical Genetics

**Student: Jose Hernandez, Century HS**

**Mentor: Neil Gross, MD**

Department of Otolaryngology/Head and Neck Surgery

**Student: Ariana Santana, Beaverton HS**

**Mentor: Lev Fedorov, PhD**

Director of OHSU Transgenic Mouse Models Shared Resource

**Student: Shalin Guillen Fernandez, Aloha HS**

**Mentor: Ann Hill, PhD, MB BS, FRACP**

Department of Molecular Microbiology & Immunology

