



# Community Outreach, Research and Engagement

<b>Position Title:</b>	<b>Community Outreach, Research and Engagement (CORE) Intern</b>
<b>Location:</b>	Remote – Working with teams in Bend, Portland, the Columbia River Gorge, the Oregon Coast, Northeast Oregon, Portland Metro and Klamath Falls areas
<b>Timeline:</b>	Flexible, preferred at least 16 hours per week for 6 months but willing to work with students' school and scheduling requirements
<b>Hours:</b>	Flexible within the range of Monday through Friday 9 am – 5 pm
<b>Compensation:</b>	<b>Paid</b>
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**Organization/Program Information:** The Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) Community Outreach, Research and Engagement (CORE) team is a unified program comprised of Knight Community Outreach and Engagement (COE) and the Oregon Clinical and Translational Research Institute's (OCTRI) Community Research Hub. Together, this team aims to increase community engagement in research through:

- *Capacity Building* – increasing the knowledge, awareness and capabilities of both communities and researchers to implement and disseminate research in Oregon.
- *Ensuring Relevance* – promoting development of research and outreach strategies relevant to the community and the region.
- *Enhancing Receptivity* – encouraging trust between the community and the academic partner, expanding the understanding of research and what it means to participate and collaborate in research activities

The OHSU Community Research Hub is based in Bend, Oregon with staff across the state. The Hub was born of a recognized need to grow and strengthen OHSU's community-academic partnerships, include a community voice in research and build capacity for community engaged research. We work to identify and understand the gaps and barriers for communities to engage in research and use data driven decision-making to improve health. Concurrently, we are committed to supporting researchers at OHSU in bringing their research to the community, through offering training, facilitating partnerships and providing local implementation support.

Knight COE program aims to identify and address the cancer-related needs of communities across Oregon. We work to build the capacity of both cancer researchers and communities to identify and address the cancer-related needs in Oregon. The Knight COE is based in Portland with staff in the Bend Community Research Hub as well.

**Position overview:** CORE Interns work on a wide range of community research projects using research best practices; data-driven decision-making; evidence-based approaches; program evaluation; and community assessments to advance public health issues confronting local communities. CORE Interns may also support OHSU investigator-led community-engaged research studies.

**General responsibilities:** CORE Interns responsibilities depend on the specific projects, including and not limited to:

- Participate in local research coalitions to support community education and project development
- Apply a culturally sensitive and equity lens to all projects
- Apply ethical principles that govern the practice of public health
- Apply evidence-based approaches to public health and social issues and programs
- Apply principles of research design to assess health and social problems
- Assess and interpret literature
- Develop presentations and reports for academic and community audiences
- Attend CORE team meetings (video or in person)
- Organize and track internship project processes and outcomes
- Develop a final presentation at end of internship (e.g., PPT) presented to CORE team members

*Due to the large number of projects, we are often able to match students with tasks that fit their interests and learning objectives. For example, students may also develop skills in some of the following areas:*

- Application of descriptive and inferential statistical methods to analyze public health issues
- Data collection for research projects, health assessments, program evaluations, etc.
- Development, implementation, and evaluation of public health interventions, programs, and policies
- Data collection tools design
- Strategic plan development
- Interpretation and synthesis of public health data and concepts in formats that are appropriate for community as well as academic partners
- Integration of input from community and organization stakeholders
- Research questions testing

**Education requirements:**

- Undergraduate or Graduate student majoring in science field, public health, psychology or related field

**Other requirements:**

- Candidates must successfully complete a background check as part of the onboarding process
- Medical clearance may also be required depending on the assignment
- Travel required may be required between OHSU and community partner sites for meetings, outreach activities and events

**Qualifications Required:**

- A strong desire to learn and work in diverse and rural communities
- Basic understanding of public health and/or social research
- The ability to respond quickly to change, stay focused and work independently
- The ability to manage multiple tasks and work on multiple projects at the same time
- Proficiency using Microsoft Office, Excel (intermediate), Word and PowerPoint
- Ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing to students, faculty, staff and the public
- Minimum 1 year general office experience

**Qualifications Preferred:**

- Database maintenance and data entry experience (REDCap a plus)
- Experience with diverse and rural communities
- Data analysis, qualitative research, and survey program experience helpful (e.g., SPSS, Qualtrics)
- Experience collecting and analyzing data and conducting literature reviews
- Experience writing reports (e.g., final projects, evaluation reports)
- Public speaking experience helpful
- Video conferencing experience helpful

**To apply:** Please complete [this application](#).

**Deadlines to apply:** Applications are accepted on a quarterly basis based on the OHSU academic calendar.

- Spring 2024: Jan 12, 2024
- Summer 2024: Apr 5, 2024
- Fall 2024: June 28, 2024