RUNNING THE RESEARCH IN OREGON COMMUNITIES REVIEW (ROCR) SYSTEM

OHSU's Community Outreach, Research and Engagement (CORE) team developed the **Research in Oregon Communities Review System** in 2021 to support the collaborative implementation of research throughout the state's unique regions.

What is the Research in Oregon Communities Review (ROCR) System? A systematic process for researchers to learn about a community and receive recommendations about the feasibility and realistic implementation of their study from an advisory of community stakeholders. Communities use this process to review, vet and assess incoming researcher requests.

Why would a researcher use the ROCR System? To determine whether a research study is of interest to a community, fits with the community's needs and can be feasibly implemented. It is an opportunity for researchers to actively collaborate with communities of interest about research and can be a facilitator of community connections.

How does a researcher access CORE's ROCR System? Researchers request a consult on the CORE [website]. CORE staff will conduct a consultation to learn about the researcher's interest in external communities or populations, sharing the appropriate *Regional Cultural Landscape*, Community Health Assessment and/or Cancer Needs Assessment. Researchers educate themselves about the region of interest and complete the ***Researcher Request to Community form***.

Who reviews the *Researcher Request to Community Form*? CORE's Community Research Liaisons guide their Community Advisory Committees through the ***ROCR System***. Community Advisories are made up of people who have been trained in ***ROCRS***; they review incoming requests and make decisions based on their regional expertise and knowledge of resources and gaps. Researchers may request an opportunity to present their project at a pre-scheduled Advisory Committee meeting; this may extend the timeline for receiving the community's responses.

Research Submission and Community Decision Timeline:
Please note: the time it takes a region to process a researcher request and provide initial feedback depends on the capacity and meeting frequency of each regional Advisory Committee. We expect this process could take around 2-3 months and at least 2 Advisory meetings to complete and reach a final decision. Researchers are expected to review Advisory feedback and respond to the Liaison. Researchers should base their response on the reality of their own capacity, resources, funding status and flexibility therein.

- Researcher reviews the ***Regional Cultural Landscape*** and community-developed materials (e.g., Community Health Improvement Plans) about their community, county or region of interest.
- Researcher completes and submits the ***Researcher Request to Community form***. Researchers should incorporate how they will respond to regional barriers as they complete this form.
- Researcher submits the ***Researcher Request to Community form*** via Qualtrics.
- Once the Liaison receives the request, they facilitate the Advisory meeting discussion about the incoming request.
  - The liaison enters Advisory's input and feedback about the proposed research into the ***Capacity Response Form***. Feedback is inclusive of additional questions, considerations, barriers, and assets.

- The Community Research Liaison completes a ***Community Response Summary*** about the proposed study and will communicate the request status directly to the researcher. Researchers should be willing to review and respond in kind.
  - **RED LIGHT**: (list of main reasons the proposed study cannot or will not be successful in the region)
  - **YELLOW LIGHT**: (documents 3-5 barriers, concerns for the researcher to address so study can succeed)
  - **GREEN LIGHT**: (list of reasons the study can be successful in the region)

- Researchers whose studies are **green lighted** will receive a warm hand-off or connection to appropriate people, resources or organizations in order to move the study forward.
  - **Yellow lighted** studies are considered a negotiation opportunity between researchers and Liaison-led Community Advisory Committees. We encourage researchers to consider creative, collaborative problem-solving approaches and to re-reference cultural landscapes and community feedback about their studies to move them into green light status. Negotiation may be accomplished via email vs. another meeting.
  - **Red lighted** studies will start over through the full **ROCR System**, as there are too many barriers to the study's success in the region of interest as the study is currently proposed.