



# Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences: Institute Overview

## What We Do

For over 35 years, the Oregon Institute of Occupational Health Sciences (Institute) has served the working population of Oregon and beyond by conducting basic and applied research and developing evidence-based tools, training, and education to improve worker safety, health and well-being.

## Conduct Research

Our research faculty are nationally recognized experts in multidisciplinary (basic, clinical and applied) research that encompasses areas relevant to occupational health and safety.

## Partner with Stakeholders

Collaboration is essential to how we work. We partner with employees and employers, government agencies, unions and industry groups throughout Oregon and beyond to understand and address health-related issues impacting the workforce. We translate our research findings into evidence-based practices and work with our partners on the adoption, implementation, and evaluation of these practices.

## Educate Professionals Working in Occupational Health-related Fields

Education is core to our mission. With partners such as Oregon OSHA, SAIF Corporation, Portland State University, Oregon State University, and the University of Washington, we organize and deliver courses, symposia, and training that expand the application and knowledge of *Total Worker Health*<sup>®</sup> principles in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

## Affiliation with the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety

The Institute is closely aligned with the National Institute for Occupational Health and Safety (NIOSH). We host two NIOSH funded programs that shape much of our research and practice: the Oregon Healthy Workforce Center, a NIOSH Center of Excellence for *Total Worker Health*<sup>®</sup> serving Oregon and the Pacific Northwest; and the Oregon Occupational Public Health Program, a partnership with Oregon Health Authority, that reports on health indicators and instances of workplace exposures, injuries, and fatalities in Oregon.

## Funding and Multiplier Effect

The Institute receives annual base funding through Oregon's Workers' Benefit Fund. Institute faculty leverage this investment to secure highly competitive federal grants that bring in, on average, twice the dollar amount provided by the Oregon base funding. This allows the Institute to substantially magnify the impact of its activities on Oregon and its workforce.

