

Jump Start

OHSU Casey Eye Institute offers the Jump Start program to scholars who wish to attend graduate school and pursue a successful career in research.

This program is seeking individuals who have experienced significant disadvantage or adversity (i.e. first-generation college graduate; recipient of social service resources while in elementary or secondary school, enhanced education or other programs for diverse populations; or by experience of economic, cultural, educational, or family adversity). Previous benchwork experience in coursework is required.

The program includes a stipend for eight consecutive weeks from mid-June through mid-August. It is considered a full-time position with 40 hours per week divided between the lab (30 hours) and additional training (10 hours).

Participants will be paired with a faculty mentor from OHSU Casey Eye Institute. They will receive training on conducting research, working in a lab, scientific writing, presenting a poster, and more.

How to apply

The application deadline is March 20, 2025. Your application should include your resume and a personal statement that answers the following questions:

- Why are you interested in Jump Start? Briefly tell us about yourself.
- Why do you think you are a good candidate?
- How will this program help to achieve your future goals?

Please send questions and application materials (resume and personal statement) to Mary Kelley, Ph.D. (kelleyma@ohsu.edu) with a copy to Kate Stout (stoutk@ohsu.edu).



Jump Start is designed for post-baccalaureate scholars to gain the research experience and professional skills needed for acceptance to graduate school and to thrive in a professional research career.



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