

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

PRE-HEALTH

News



FALL into
PRE-HEALTH

Hello pre-health students!

I hope you all had a restful and rejuvenating fall break! As we return to campus this week, I wanted to take a moment to say that it's been great meeting so many of you in the short time since I joined the pre-health program, and I look forward to meeting more of you as the year progresses. It's wonderful to see so many students interested in pursuing a career in health professions, and I can't wait to see how your individual strengths, goals, and achievements will not only positively affect your own lives, but those around you as well!

If you have any questions or need any guidance in your pre-health journey please reach out to healthprofessions@up.edu, or use the link at the bottom of this email to make an advising appointment with me.

OPPORTUNITIES



Kaiser Permanente Pre-Medical Conference

Save the date!

Kaiser Permanente Pre-Medical Conference, November 1, 2025 This conference is specially designed for junior college and university students who are aspiring medical professionals. Attendees will gain valuable insights into the medical field through interactive sessions and networking opportunities.

Meet and engage with: Kaiser Permanente physicians and dentists, resident physicians and medical students, and deans and leaders from local medical and osteopathic schools.

Whether a student is just starting their medical journey or are well on their way, this event will provide resources, guidance, and real-world perspectives to support their path to a medical career.



- second annual -
**PRE-MEDICAL CAREER
CONFERENCE**

SAVE THE DATE
November 1, 2025

Full-Day Conference
Open to Undergraduate Students
Free Registration and Lunch Provided
Registration Opens Fall 2025



[Register Now](#)

Murdock Undergraduate Collaborative Research Program

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Program Announcement

The Center for Developmental Health at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) announce an opportunity for students to participate in ongoing research projects at OHSU. The program, sponsored by the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust is designed for students pursuing a career in biomedical research. Students who are already committed to a career in clinical practice alone are specifically discouraged from applying.

This program provides talented students from local Oregon colleges and universities with the opportunity to work in state-of-the-art research laboratories at OHSU to answer a meaningful scientific question.

Outstanding students will be recommended to the selection committee by their institutions in the fall of their sophomore or junior year. The basis for selection will include grades, letters of recommendation, and an interest in a career in biomedical research. Selected students will be notified in December and will be designated as Murdock Research Scholars. Awardees and their chosen OHSU research mentor will meet during spring term to formalize a project. Work on the project will begin in the summer of the junior or senior year and continue part-time for one year.

- Year round (full-time in the summer for 10-weeks, 4 hours/week during school year)
- Students receive \$8,000 stipend over twelve-month period
- Stipends are also available for a second summer

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE REPRESENTATIVE AT YOUR SCHOOL:

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Deadline for application submission:
October 31, 2025



Murdock Application

OHSU Internship Fair



Explore your future in health sciences!

Undergraduate All-Internship Fair

Thursday, October 23 | 2:00–5:00 PM | Knight Cancer Institute

Are you an undergraduate student curious about a career in patient care, research, public health, or healthcare administration? Join us for the **OHSU Undergraduate All-Internship Fair** to discover exciting internship opportunities across OHSU departments. Learn how to apply, hear directly from past interns, and gain insider tips to launch your career in health sciences.

Event Highlights

- 2:00–3:20 PM – Tabling & Poster Presentations
- 3:30–4:10 PM – Welcome & Student Panel
- 4:10–5:00 PM – Lightning Rounds (choose your sessions!)

Light bites and refreshments available.

Whether you're just starting to explore or ready to apply, this event is your gateway to hands-on experience and professional growth.

RSVP required:



For questions or to request reasonable accommodations, please email provostadmin@ohsu.edu.

To learn more about OHSU internships, please visit: www.ohsu.edu/outreach/higher-education-programs

OHSU Internships

Garaventa Center: Hope Springs Adjacent

This month the Garaventa Center will host UP alum, Scott Knackstedt, as he discusses his health career in, "Hope Springs Adjacent: Innovating for Global Health." This event is free and open to all.

HOPE SPRINGS ADJACENT

Innovating for Global Health



with

Scott Knackstedt

Thursday, October 23 | 5pm

Franz Hall, Room 120

Free and Open to All

Drawing on his background in science and international affairs, University of Portland alum Scott Knackstedt will share how innovation can be used to advance health equity in low-resource settings around the world, transforming barriers to access into opportunities for impact.

As a Senior Commercialization Officer at PATH, a global health nonprofit based in Seattle, Scott helps develop affordable, life-saving technologies that range from low-cost devices to next-generation vaccine platforms. His work focuses on overcoming access challenges through formulation and delivery innovations that make health solutions more effective, scalable, and equitable.

For more info: 503-943-7702 or garaventa@up.edu. ADA compliant event.



University
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Civil Rights Immersion

THIS YEAR'S IMMERSIONS

FALL BREAK

RURAL IMMERSION

October 12th-17th
Yakima Valley, WA

WINTER BREAK

HOUSING JUSTICE IMMERSION

January 8th -10th
Right here in Portland!

SPRING BREAK

INDIGENOUS JUSTICE IMMERSION

March 1st-6th
Warm Springs Reservation, OR

EARLY SUMMER

BORDER IMMERSION

May 5th- 10th
Tucson, AZ and Nogales, MX

CIVIL RIGHTS IMMERSION

May 5th-15th
Southern United States

[More Information](#)

U of Maryland Admissions Workshop



The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy is hosting a virtual Admissions Workshop where they'll break down every stage of the PharmD admissions process, from the PharmCAS application to pro tips on making your application stand out.

After that, PharmD students from their mentorship programs will take over with breakout sessions on mock interviews and how to nail your personal statement.

Oct. 7, 2:30–4:00 p.m. (Virtual)

[Register Here](#)

WOU Admissions Workshop



Western Oregon UNIVERSITY Occupational Therapy

FALL 2025 INFO SESSIONS

DATES:

- **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8**
6PM PST
VIRTUAL-ZOOM
- **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22**
10AM PST
AT WOU
525 TRADE STREET
SALEM OR
- **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**
6PM PST
VIRTUAL-ZOOM

LEARN ABOUT:

- **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**
- **CURRICULUM OVERVIEW**
- **MEET OUR FACULTY**
- **CHECK OUT OUR NEW BUILDING!**
- **ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST DISABILITY-RELATED ACCOMMODATION(S) TO PARTICIPATE IN A WOU ACTIVITY OR EVENT, PLEASE PLEASE COMPLETE THE [ONLINE REQUEST FORM](#) AT LEAST THREE (3) BUSINESS DAYS IN ADVANCE. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT DISABILITY SERVICES (DDS) AT 503-838-8250 OR dds@wou.edu.

MORE INFORMATION :
EMAIL OTD@WOU.EDU



RSVP



More Information

NSU Tampa Bay DPT Program

The Fall 2026 admissions cycle for Nova Southeastern University's Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (D.P.T.) – Tampa Bay program is currently open, with final applications due by **Monday, December 15**.

[Tampa Bay D.P.T Program](#)

[Tampa Bay D.P.T. Program Events](#)

REMINDERS



St. George's University
Grenada, West Indies

St. George's U - Scholarship Application

St. George's University is offering a new scholarship for the January 2026 start term could help you fast track your med school journey. Benefits of a January start include smaller entering class sizes and personalized support, extra time for exam preparation and residency readiness, and flexible clinical and elective opportunities.

This scholarship application is available to applicants who submit a complete 4-Year MD application on or before December 31, 2025 (other scholarships may also apply).

[New SGU Scholarship](#)

Schedule a Pre-Health Advising Appointment

PRE-HEALTH ADVISING

Are you a student interested in graduate programs in health and medicine?

**PRE-HEALTH
CAREERS**

- Medical and Dental
- PT/OT
- Pharmacy
- Veterinary
- Public Health
- And More!

**SIGN-UP
FOR A
Meeting!**



SIGN-UP BELOW

Associate Dean – Dr. Andrew Lafrenz

Buckley Center 213



Schedule an Advising Appointment

[Pre-Health Survey and Listserv Sign-Up](#)





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ARE YOU A PRE-HEALTH PROFESSIONS
STUDENT? MAKE SURE YOU ARE ON
OUR LIST SERVE.

COMPLETE THE PRE-HEALTH
PROFESSIONS SURVEY AND SIGN-UP
FOR OUR EMAILS



Survey and Email Sign-Up

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