
TITLE: Biomedical Workforce Development – Informational Interviews

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WHO IS PAYING FOR THE STUDY?

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WHY IS THIS STUDY BEING DONE?

You have been invited to participate in this research study because you are a student, trainee, or professional in the biomedical workforce. The purpose of this study is to learn about career pathways and decision-making to support current and future students pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics).

This study trains individuals (minors and adults) to conduct informational interviews. Interview transcripts will be stored indefinitely in a data bank, also called a repository, which may be used and shared in the future for research.

WHAT PROCEDURES ARE INVOLVED IN THIS STUDY?

If you decide to take part in this study, you will be asked to participate in an informational interview that will take 15-45 minutes. Informational interviews may be conducted virtually or in person by one or more interviewer. The interviewer(s) may be adults and/or minors (under age 18 years) who will ask you questions about your career path, STEM coursework, and/or decision-making in the field.

You may also be asked to complete short surveys about your demographics and/or STEM beliefs. Estimated duration of these additional components is 5-30 minutes. You may also indicate your interest in being contacted about future research and the extent that you would like your information de-identified.

In the future, information in this study's repository may be shared with students, trainees, researchers and/or the funder for other research studies. The information will be labeled as described in the "Who will see my personal information?" section below. If you have any questions, concerns, or complaints regarding this study now or in the future, or you think you may have been injured or harmed by the study, contact Lisa Marriott (marriott@ohsu.edu).

WHAT RISKS CAN I EXPECT FROM TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

Although we will make every effort to protect your identity, there is a minimal risk of loss of confidentiality. There is a potential for discomfort during the interview process. You can skip any of the questions that you do not want to answer and you can stop the interview at any time.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

You will not benefit from being in this study. However, by serving as a research participant, you may help future students better understand career paths within the biomedical workforce.

WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES TO TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

You may choose not to be in this study.

WILL I RECEIVE RESULTS FROM THIS STUDY?

You will not receive results from the study. We may share interview transcripts with you. De-identified transcripts may be thematically coded, with results shared broadly in public settings (e.g., reports, presentations, manuscripts). Participants who complete online STEM surveys will receive immediate electronic feedback about their results (for surveys where feedback is available).

WHO WILL SEE MY PERSONAL INFORMATION?

You will be able to indicate if you would like your interview transcript to be identifiable or de-identified. You may also indicate whether your recorded interview and/or transcript can be used and shared for future research. In this study, we will take steps to keep your personal information confidential, but we cannot guarantee total privacy. However, we will do our best to keep your information confidential by keeping participant information coded and on an encrypted computer. If your information goes outside of OHSU, it might not be protected under federal law from being used or further shared. If you give permission, we would like to keep your contact information for future contact.

We may have to release this information to others for example, if the study is audited. However, we would try to do so without information that could identify you. This release could be to the Institutional Review Board (ethics review committee) at OHSU, the funder of the study, the FDA or Office of Human Research Protection (agencies that oversee research). If you later decide that you don't want us to keep your contact information and/or information, you can request this online at <http://tiny.cc/OHSUstudy-withdraw>. Your request will be effective as of the date we receive it. However, information collected before your request is received may continue to be used and disclosed to the extent that we have already acted based on your authorization.

WILL ANY OF MY INFORMATION OR SAMPLES FROM THIS STUDY BE USED FOR ANY COMMERCIAL PROFIT?

Transcripts from this research may be used for commercial purposes, such as making a discovery that could, in the future, be patented or licensed to a company, which could result in a possible financial benefit to that company, OHSU, and its researchers. There are no plans to pay you if this happens. You will not have any property rights or ownership or financial interest in or arising from products or data that may result from your participation in this study. Further, you will have no responsibility or liability for any use that may be made of your information.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF TAKING PART IN THIS STUDY?

It will not cost you anything to participate in this study. You will not receive compensation for participating in this study.

WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION?

This research is being overseen by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). You may talk to the IRB at (503) 494-7887 or irb@ohsu.edu if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get more information or provide input about this research.

You may also submit a report to the OHSU Integrity Hotline online at <https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/18915/index.html> or by calling toll-free (877) 733-8313 (anonymous and available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week).

DO I HAVE TO TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

You do not have to join this or any research study. If you do join, and later change your mind, you may quit at any time. If you refuse to join or withdraw early from the study, there will be no penalty or loss of any benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

The participation of OHSU students or employees in OHSU research is completely voluntary and you are free to choose not to serve as a research subject in this protocol for any reason. If you do elect to participate in this study, you may withdraw from the study at any time without affecting your relationship with OHSU, the investigator, the investigator’s department, or your grade in any course. If you would like to report a concern with regard to participation of OHSU students or employees in OHSU research, please call the OHSU Integrity Hotline at 1-877-733-8313 (toll free and anonymous).

HOW DO I TELL YOU IF I WANT TO TAKE PART IN THIS STUDY?

Please indicate whether you provide your consent to participate in this study using the check boxes below:

the below is not yet vetted.

☐ **YES**, I would like to participate in the study.

Full name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Study Linkage

☐ I give consent for my information from this study to be potentially linked with information from other IRB-approved studies for which I have consented.

Permission for future contact

☐ I give permission to be contacted for future research.

You may change your mind at any point -- indicating permission does not mean that you have to participate.

☐ **NO**, I would not like to participate in the study.