

The Research Subcommittee of the Oregon Cannabis Commission proposes to establish the Oregon Cannabis Research Consortium (OCRC). **Via the OCRC, the Commission and the OHA seek to establish the state of Oregon as a global leader in cannabis and hemp research.**

We propose that the OCRC would initially and primarily serve as a directory of cannabis and hemp researchers of all disciplines, across the state of Oregon. The directory would serve the purposes of facilitating collaborative research and enhancing the visibility of Oregon's research prowess. Ultimately, the OCRC would support major research goals such as improving health outcomes, diminishing environmental impact, and guiding best agricultural practices (among others).

The OCRC directory would consist of six components:

- 1) A researcher's name and credentials or licensures
- 2) Institutional and/or company affiliations
- 3) Contact information
- 4) Area of expertise, active areas of research, research goals, and direction of future studies
- 5) Services and/or equipment that can be offered to other researchers
- 6) Needs or requests; what kinds of collaborators, services, equipment, or resources are needed in order for the researcher to accomplish their goals.

The Oregon Cannabis Commission, in partnership with OHA staff, would be tasked with overseeing the directory and notarizing membership. The directory itself can be a simple and straight-forward table such as an Excel spreadsheet, Google Sheet, or recapitulation of such on a web page.

OCRC membership would be contingent upon a commitment to diversity/equity/inclusion (DEI), anti-racism, decolonization, and awareness of implicit bias. These elements will be included in a formal code of conduct, signed by each individual prior to being notarized as an official member of the OCRC. The Oregon Cannabis Commission will provide information and resources on these matters to support just, equitable, and impactful trans-disciplinary research across the state.

Collaborative research studies completed by members of the OCRC would be reported back to the Commission/OHA, and findings would be shared with the public and used for iterative evidence-based policy-making. Over time, the OCRC could potentially mature into an independent functional scientific society (no role or oversight from the Commission or OHA) with annual meetings, student mentorship, and shared scientific resources.