

SUMMER HEALTHCARE EXPERIENCE (SHE) IN ONCOLOGY

An ACS ResearchHERS Partnership

About Our Program

The Summer Health Experience (SHE) in Oncology is a 2-week virtual program that introduces high school juniors or seniors who identify as female to a wide range of cancer-related career experiences including research, clinical care, survivorship, and community engagement.

The program is funded by the American Cancer Society and is free for all attendees.

Program Locations

- University of Texas - Austin
- University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center
- University of Kentucky Markey Cancer Center
- University of Pennsylvania Abramson Cancer Center
- University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center
- Case Western Reserve University
- The Ohio State University
- Vanderbilt University
- VCU Massey Cancer Center
- Huntsman Cancer Institute

2022 Program Results

- More than 145 high school students who identify as female participated, nearly doubling participants year-over-year.
- Expanded the cohort sites from five to ten in 2022.
- Preliminary self-reported data shows a very diverse group of participants.

Program Details



2-week immersive experience

20-25 students per cancer center



Focus on under-represented bio-sciences at an AP Level

No cost to students



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SHE IN ONCOLOGY AT A GLANCE

The American Cancer Society's Summer Healthcare Experience (SHE) in Oncology introduces female-identifying high school students, particularly those from backgrounds underrepresented within STEM fields, to a wide range of cancer related career experiences including research, clinical care, survivorship, and community engagement. Student participants benefit from development of leadership skills, exposure to role models and mentorship, and hands-on experiences meant to help them to develop their educational and career paths.

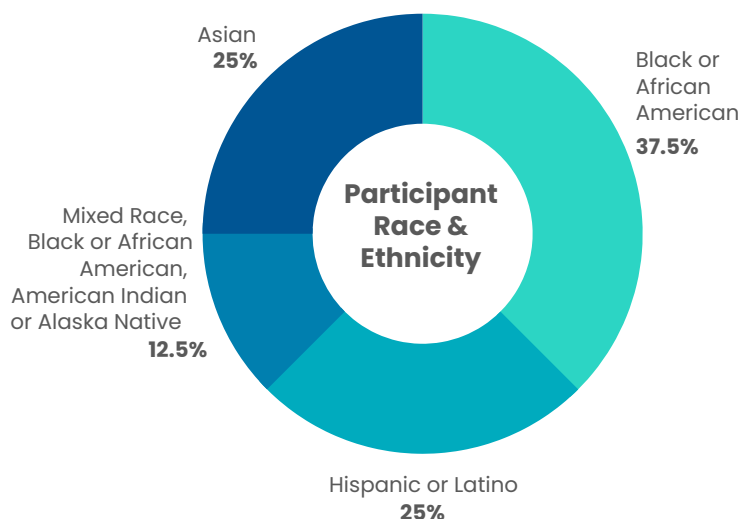
In 2022, ACS expanded the SHE in Oncology program from 5 to 10 premier cancer center sites, including The Ohio State University. Through support from corporate partners, as well as through funds raised via our ResearchHERS campaign, ACS provided each participating SHE site with \$20,000 to enact the program. This funding helped to ensure that there would be no cost to the participants or their families. Instead, funding directly supported the students' experiences - covering stipends, curated research kits, and their hands-on experiences.

Participant Demographics* at OSUCC-James SHE Site

Percentage that would be first generation college students	62.5% OF PARTICIPANTS
Percentage that consider themselves low income	75% OF PARTICIPANTS

“ My thoughts didn't shift but they were strengthened, because I saw women of color, who faced adversity, achieve their goals. I've always wanted to go into the medical field and hearing them speak made me even more excited about pursuing it.

SHE Student



“ The program has shown me that medicine is deeper than just physicians and nurses, and there are researchers and other professionals in different fields making a big impact on the fields of oncology and biomedicine.

*All demographic data was self-reported by participants