



Ted Braun and Julia Maxson, husband and wife research team, are both ARCS Scholar Alums

Julia and Ted have come full circle in accomplishing their goals of completing their doctoral degrees, working as postdocs in their fields, and are now pursuing their dreams of working in their labs in Oregon to make more discoveries.

- ◆ Julia became an ARCS Scholar in 2006 when she began her PhD. Ted became an ARCS Scholar in 2009 when he began his MD/PhD.
- ◆ Fast forward to 2017:

Julia, an assistant professor in the Division of Hematology/Oncology at OHSU and the Knight Cancer Institute, now runs her own research group where she continues working on blood cancers.

Ted, a physician-scientist, received a fellowship in hematology and oncology at OHSU and is in the fortunate position of collaborating with his wife, Julia. Ted is focused on understanding how leukemia begins.

ARCS Oregon supported Julia and Ted at a critical time in their careers. The path to achieving a PhD is challenging, financially stressful, and can be all-consuming. Many PhD candidates ultimately leave research before they earn their PhD.

By the time Ted completes his fellowship he will have exceeded 30 years of education. Julia will have exceeded 28 years of education. Today they are motivated to identify interventions that slow or prevent blood cancers.

Ted and Julia both say, "Without the financial support from ARCS during this critical time in our careers, it is quite likely that one or both of us would no longer be in science. Knowing that ARCS Oregon members were behind us also provided motivation for us to continue forward."