

attract faculty from colleges and universities around the world. Though diverse in culture, background, language, and ethnicity, they come to Portland unified in their commitment to be part of our unique approach to learning, engagement, and research.

“Let knowledge serve the city,” PSU’s motto, inspires the work we do locally and around the world. Many of our faculty conduct research that addresses some of society’s most perplexing challenges—providing students with firsthand knowledge and opportunities for involvement and collaboration in their communities.

Faculty use their expertise to serve the region through their work with businesses, not-for-profits and governmental agencies and by holding key posts in professional, cultural, and civic groups.

### **Research: Globally relevant, regionally focused**

With stellar professors, increased funding, and new and renovated facilities, research at PSU is gaining momentum. Funding for research projects has increased more than 160 percent over the past decade. Spurred by grants from agencies such as the National Science Foundation and National Institutes of Health, as well as federal, state, and private sources. Researchers are developing tools and techniques that have applications ranging from medicine, energy generation, and new computer architectures to the healthy integration of human and natural systems, especially in urban communities.

### **Green: It’s more than our school color**

At Portland State University, you’ll have the opportunity to do more than study sustainability, you’ll engage directly with the community around us to make sustainability real. Our goal is to harness the strengths of our university—our new ideas, our innovative partnerships, our academic rigor—toward solving the environmental, social, and economic problems of our time.

Much of our green school spirit can be seen on the campus itself. The University has undergone a flurry of new building activity over the past eight years, with each new building or major renovation built to at least a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver certification. Our new buildings include such sustainable design features as ecoroofs, rainwater harvesting, and geothermal heating and cooling systems.

Working with like-minded businesses, individuals, and organizations, faculty and students are performing valuable research on alternative energy sources such as solar

panels; aggressive waste reduction and recycling programs; sustainable building practices; and much more. Many of the University’s 125 bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees encourage you to consider issues that integrate economic, social, and environmental viewpoints. Armed with this knowledge and experience, you will join a generation of leaders building a more sustainable world, one idea at a time.

### **Portland: The city is our campus**

Portland State University’s prized location in the middle of a major city guarantees you’ll always be within striking distance of something exciting. Parks, museums, cafes, theaters, shopping, acclaimed restaurants, and professional sports are all within easy reach.

Established in 1946 to meet the educational needs of GIs home from World War II battlefields, PSU found its first home in Vanport, a former federal housing project along the Columbia River. The campus moved to Lincoln Hall in Portland’s South Park Blocks in 1952. Since then, it has grown with Portland and now encompasses 50 city blocks, yet retains a park-like beauty within its urban setting.

The Park Blocks, a natural gathering area for our students and faculty, provide a place to talk, study, or put on an impromptu concert or lecture. West of the Park Blocks, PSU’s Urban Center stands at the busiest public transportation hub in the city. It’s the only location in the city where TriMet’s bus system, Portland Streetcar, and, in 2009, its MAX light rail line come together. Do you like riding your bike to school? Portland is known as one of the best bicycling cities in the country.

A short drive out of the city puts you on a sandy beach or on the snow-covered slopes of Mt Hood. Or take advantage of the lush hiking trails of the Columbia River Gorge and its famous river windsurfing. With urban sophistication, small town accessibility, and the many outdoor activities, you’ll have a great experience living and learning in Portland.

### **Leadership**

Presidents who have served the University are John F. Cramer, 1955 to 1958; Branford P. Millar, 1959 to 1968; Gregory B. Wolfe, 1968 to 1974; Joseph C. Blumel, 1974 to 1986; Natale A. Sicuro, 1986 to 1988; Roger N. Edgington (interim president), 1988 to 1990; Judith A. Ramaley, 1990 to 1997; Daniel O. Bernstine, 1997 to 2007; Michael F. Reardon (interim president), 2007 to 2008; and Wim Wiewel, 2008 to present.

## **Accreditation**

Portland State University is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, the official accrediting agency for the region.

Various schools and departments within the University also are accredited by special agencies. The undergraduate and graduate programs and the accounting program of the School of Business Administration are accredited by The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International. The Graduate School of Education teacher education programs are accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education and by the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission. The counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs.

The School of Social Work program is accredited by the Council on Social Work Education. The Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science undergraduate programs in civil, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering are accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission/Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. The computer science program is accredited by the Computing Accreditation Commission Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology.

In the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Department of Communication training program in speech pathology is accredited by the Education and Training Board, American Board of Examiners, through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The speech and hearing clinics have accreditation in both speech pathology and audiology by the Professional Service Board, American Board of Examiners, in speech pathology and audiology through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. The Department of Chemistry is accredited by the American Chemical Society.

In the College of Urban and Public Affairs, the Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree is accredited by the Planning Accreditation Board; the Master of Public Administration degree is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration; and the Master of Public Health degree is accredited by the Council on Education for Public Health.

In the School of Fine and Performing Arts the Department of Music is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music. Programs in the Department of Art are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. Programs in Theater are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Theater.