

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

# PSU LINK

Leap Into New Knowledge



## About the program

Portland State University is committed to serving the needs of the metropolitan area by providing a scholarship program for selected high school juniors and seniors to attend the University for part-time, advanced study in a particular academic discipline where they have exceeded district offerings. LINK is an academic-year program; it does not run during the summer. Typically, students are accepted into the LINK program in the fall quarter for sequential courses in mathematics, foreign languages, and the sciences. Continued participation in the program is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the first quarter. Students are limited to one course per quarter, for which Portland State University credit is granted.

## Who can participate

To qualify for the program, you must have:

- A 3.00 cumulative grade point average
- Exhausted all available course offerings in a particular subject area
- Outstanding academic performance in the subject area
- Demonstrated maturity and self sufficiency
- Successfully completed the application process

First opportunity goes to high school seniors and to students with documented financial need.

## Scholarship contribution

As a LINK student, you receive \$200.00 toward your tuition each quarter of the academic year (fall, winter, and spring). You will be billed for the reduced amount. For current tuition costs, please see [www.pdx.edu/registration/tuition.html](http://www.pdx.edu/registration/tuition.html). You are responsible for the purchase of books and materials, as well as for arranging transportation to and from the University.

## How do I apply?

The LINK program has a limited number of spaces; we encourage you to complete your application as early as possible. Application deadline for fall is May 31.

On the following pages, you will find the components for the application package. You will need to return the application/personal statement to the LINK program (see address below). Additionally, you will need to request a recommendation (forms provided) from your school counselor and from a teacher in the subject area of interest. They will send their recommendations in separately from your application. You should supply both of them with a stamped envelope addressed to:

Portland State LINK Program  
Dean's Office - CLAS  
PO Box 751  
Portland, Oregon 97207-0751

An application will not be evaluated until all pertinent information is on file. You will be notified by mail of the status of your application and next steps.

# PSU LINK Application

(Please print neatly or type)

NAME

HOME ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

HOME PHONE

CELL PHONE

EMAIL ADDRESS

DATE OF BIRTH

Gender  M  F

CITIZENSHIP

PLACE OF BIRTH FIRST LANGUAGE

HIGH SCHOOL CURRENT GRADE LEVEL

NAME OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN

ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE)

CITY STATE ZIP

PARENT OR GUARDIAN EMAIL

Did your parents attend college?  Father  Mother  Neither

List names and addresses of persons from whom you have requested recommendations:

COUNSELOR NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE

TEACHER NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE

Please indicate two Portland State University courses you would like to take in order of preference (this is to ensure that you have a back-up course to take if your first choice class is full):

1. COURSE CRN NUMBER SECTION

TITLE

2. COURSE CRN NUMBER SECTION

TITLE

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PERSONAL STATEMENT: (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY)

1. How have you familiarized yourself with Portland State and its course offerings? How have you decided which course(s) you want to take?

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2. Please describe how you imagine attending Portland State classes to be different from your high school classes. Please address the academic and social aspects of these differences.

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3. In what way do you feel that participating in the LINK Program will enrich your education and help meet your academic goals?

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STUDENT AGREEMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ understand  
APPLICANT NAME [PLEASE PRINT]

that I am applying to take a college course and that I am responsible for and accountable to meet the requirements of the course, including any applicable deadlines and financial obligations. I am aware that any grade awarded will become part of my permanent college record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ grant permission  
PARENT/GUARDIAN [PLEASE PRINT]

for \_\_\_\_\_  
APPLICANT NAME [PLEASE PRINT]

to apply to the PSU LINK Program to attend class on the Portland State University campus. Further, I understand, as the parent/guardian of the applicant, that Federal laws governing colleges and student privacy prevent Portland State from discussing the applicant's coursework with anyone but the applicant, unless the applicant provides written consent.

\_\_\_\_\_  
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Please return this two-page application form to:

PSU LINK Program, Dean's Office—CLAS, PO BOX 751, Portland, Oregon 97207-0751

# PSU LINK

## Counselor Recommendation Form

APPLICANT NAME

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FIRST

MIDDLE

LAST

To the student: please complete the line above and give this form, with a stamped envelope addressed to the LINK Program, to your counselor to complete. Your counselor will send this form back to the LINK Office directly.

To the counselor: This student is applying for PSU's LINK Program. LINK is a scholarship program for selected high school students to attend the University for part-time, advanced study in a particular academic discipline where they have exceeded district offerings. Students are limited to one course per quarter, for which Portland State University credit will be granted. We give first opportunity to high school seniors and to students with demonstrated financial need.

We ask that a LINK candidate research with his/her counselor a first-choice and second-choice course to take at Portland State (this is in case the first choice class is full). We feel strongly that part of a student's success at PSU is doing some preliminary research, such as becoming familiar with what the University has to offer and with the extensive online information that is available, from class schedules and course descriptions (<https://sa.pdx.edu/soc/>) to the academic calendar ([www.pdx.edu/registration/calendar.html](http://www.pdx.edu/registration/calendar.html)). Hard copies of each term's class schedule as well as the current *PSU Bulletin* are also available through our office.

Typically, students are accepted into the LINK program in the fall quarter for sequential courses in mathematics, foreign languages, and the sciences. Continued participation in the program is contingent upon satisfactory completion of the first quarter.

In order to qualify, we need your verification that the student has a minimum 3.00 cumulative grade point average, has exhausted all available course offerings in a particular subject area at the high school, and has shown outstanding academic performance in this subject area. We ask that you send this form directly to the LINK Office. Our thanks for your help and candid evaluation.

Does the applicant qualify for the Federal free and reduced lunch program or are there other financial hardship issues we should consider in reviewing this application?  Yes  No

Please indicate two Portland State University courses the student would like to take in order of preference (this is to ensure that there is a back-up course to take if the first choice class is full):

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1. COURSE CRN NUMBER

SECTION

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TITLE

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2. COURSE CRN NUMBER

SECTION

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TITLE

Please provide the student's cumulative grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_.

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Please evaluate this student's ability to fit into a university environment, where maturity and self-sufficiency are required.

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Please evaluate the applicant in comparison to other talented students you have worked with.

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Please comment on the applicant's intellectual strengths and limitations, motivation, and commitment to academic goals.

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I recommend this candidate for admission to the LINK Program at Portland State University

- Enthusiastically       Strongly       Fairly strongly       Without enthusiasm       Not recommended

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

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YOUR NAME

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YOUR SCHOOL

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SCHOOL ADDRESS

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YOUR SIGNATURE

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DATE

Thank you for your help. Please return this two-page form in the envelope provided by the student to:  
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# PSU LINK Teacher Recommendation Form

To the student: please fill out the top three lines of this form, then give it to an instructor who teaches in the same academic discipline as that of one of the course options you wish to take at Portland State. Please ask your teacher to complete this form, then mail it back directly to the LINK Program. Please provide your teacher with an envelope already addressed and stamped.

APPLICANT NAME

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FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST
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PSU course of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

High school instructor name: \_\_\_\_\_

To the teacher: This student is applying for PSU's LINK Program. LINK is a scholarship program for selected high school students to attend the University for part-time, advanced study in a particular academic discipline where they have exceeded district offerings. Students are limited to one course per quarter, for which Portland State University credit will be granted. We give first opportunity to high school seniors and to students with demonstrated financial need. This student has identified a course of study at Portland State with his or her counselor and is required to include an evaluation from an instructor who has taught or is teaching him or her in the same academic discipline as the PSU course.

We would appreciate your candid evaluation of the student named above to aid us in evaluating his or her candidacy for the LINK Program. If you would prefer to submit a personal letter of recommendation rather than to complete this form, please feel free to do so.

Our thanks for your help.

Please provide the student's grades in the academic subject area of interest for the last three final reporting periods:

COURSE	SEMESTER/TERM	GRADE
COURSE	SEMESTER/TERM	GRADE
COURSE	SEMESTER/TERM	GRADE

Which courses have you taught (are teaching) this student?

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Please evaluate this student's ability to fit into a university environment, where maturity and self-sufficiency are required.

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Please evaluate the applicant in comparison to other talented students you have taught.

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Please comment on the applicant's intellectual strengths and limitations, motivation, commitment to academic goals, and strengths in this academic discipline.

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I recommend this candidate for admission to the LINK Program at Portland State University

- Enthusiastically
- Strongly
- Fairly strongly
- Without enthusiasm
- Not recommended

How long have you known this student? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR SCHOOL

\_\_\_\_\_  
SCHOOL ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
YOUR SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

Thank you for your help. Please return this two-page form in the envelope provided by the student to:  
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