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Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices

**DISTINGUISHED VISITING SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLAR PROGRAM
2009-2010**

OVERVIEW

Portland State seeks to become an internationally renowned university recognized for its excellence in the field of sustainability. We strive to serve as a leading academic laboratory for developing sustainable practices using multi-disciplinary approaches in partnership with businesses, government and non-governmental organizations. Our aspiration is to become the university of choice for faculty and students focused on sustainability, recognized nationally and globally for our interdisciplinary sustainability research and education.

As part of our sustainability initiative, Portland State University's Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices will award one or more Distinguished Visiting Scholar positions in Sustainability during the 2009-2010 academic year.

QUALIFICATIONS

The ideal Distinguished Visiting Scholar will have a documented record of significant achievement in an academic discipline that supports Portland State's sustainability priorities to become a national and international leader in scholarship and education focused on sustainable urban communities and integrated "systems" approaches to sustainability. Specific areas of leadership at Portland State include green buildings and green infrastructure, social aspects of sustainability, and community engagement. Portland State is actively engaged in expanding its "living laboratory" approach, which we define as a problem based teaching, research and innovation strategy in which ongoing assessment and evaluation contribute to the knowledge base regarding sustainability. The Distinguished Visiting Scholar's research interests should ideally align with and complement ongoing sustainability research activities at Portland State in one or more of these areas. (See www.pdx.edu/sustainability for more on PSU's sustainability programs).

SUPPORT AND BENEFITS

The Distinguished Visiting Scholar will have the opportunity to become part of Portland State's growing community of faculty, staff and students engaged in sustainability research and education. Upon mutual agreement, the Visiting Scholar will be provided with a formal appointment and compensation for his or her tenure at Portland State. The Distinguished Visiting Scholar may elect to pursue a part time or full time appointment.

Upon acceptance of the invitation to serve as Distinguished Visiting Scholar, the Director of the Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices will work closely with the



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successful candidate to determine the set of responsibilities and expectations for their time at Portland State. It is expected that the Distinguished Visiting Scholar will collaborate with relevant faculty, students and staff on their work; will deliver at least one seminar relevant to Portland State's activities and current programs in sustainability, and will spend time working on a project unique to his or her expertise, leading to at least one scholarly paper for potential publication. Scholars are encouraged to explore opportunities to share their work with the community and integrate their work with the activities and interests of community partners.

The Distinguished Visiting scholar will be an affiliated member of the university's Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices (CSP2) and will be expected to participate in cross-campus research, engagement opportunities, and other initiatives related to sustainability. The Center will provide support in networking the faculty and supporting meaningful collaborations across campus. However, applicants are strongly urged to identify Portland State faculty with whom they would propose to collaborate prior to submitting their application.

The Distinguished Visiting Scholar will be able to tap into a rich array of academic resources at the University, and the Portland State community will be enriched through exposure to the Distinguished Visiting Scholar's insights, expertise, and perspective on sustainability.

Compensation is negotiable but would seek to be commensurate with the salary range for a professor of equivalent rank at Portland State.

SELECTION PROCESS

The selection committee for this position will consist of selected Portland State faculty representatives from the Faculty Sustainability Advisory group, a representative of the community, the Director of the Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices. Preference will be given to candidates who have a distinguished national or international reputation and who have broad appeal, beyond a single, specialized field. Candidates will be informed of the decision in early June 2009.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applications should be submitted electronically to Beth Lloyd, elloyd@pdx.edu **no later than 5 pm on Monday, May 25, 2009**. While we encourage you to submit all materials electronically, letters of reference and letters of support that cannot be sent electronically can be mailed to Beth Lloyd, Portland State University, P.O. Box 751, Mail Code SUST, Portland, Oregon, 97207.

In addition to filling out the application form, Distinguished Visiting Scholar candidates are required to:



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1. Provide two professional letters of reference.
2. Provide their C.V.
3. Provide a letter of support from one or more Portland State faculty with whom the candidate proposes to collaborate during their appointment.
4. If the candidate proposes significant community engagement as part of their proposed activities, a letter of support from a public or private sector community partner is encouraged.