



## 2009-2001 Inaugural Sustainability Post-Doctoral Program

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 (CSP2) will award 2-4 Post-Doctoral positions in Sustainability during the 2009-2010 academic year<sup>1</sup>. Appointments will be for one academic year, starting as early as July 1, 2009, with the possibility of renewal for one additional year.

Candidates with expertise in the following sustainability areas are of particular interest given Portland State's growing investment in these research areas: Sustainability in the Urban Context; Ecosystem Services; Green Buildings; Energy Systems; Human Health and Sustainability; Sustainable Infrastructure Systems; Sustainable Business Practices; Social Sustainability; Sustainable Water Resource Management, and other areas of interest (see [www.pdx.edu/sustainability](http://www.pdx.edu/sustainability) for more on PSU's sustainability programs).

A number of departments at Portland State have identified opportunities for post-doctoral candidates. For additional information about each of these thematic areas visit our website at [www.pdx.edu/sustainability](http://www.pdx.edu/sustainability).

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Candidates must hold a Ph.D. degree or equivalent. They must be within 3 years from the date that their degree was awarded. Nominees for post-doctoral positions must be sponsored by a PSU faculty mentor. Faculty mentors are limited to sponsoring one (1) candidate per application review period. The availability of funding from other sources to support the post-doctoral candidates work is an important consideration and will be factor in the award process.

Applicants will be considered based on their potential for creative research accomplishments and the relevance and merits of their proposal in strengthening PSU's sustainability initiatives. They are expected to be engaged primarily in research activities, although they may have an opportunity to engaging in teaching or other responsibilities.

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<sup>1</sup> The number of post-doctoral appointments made will depend upon the availability of matching support from other sources (research funding, fellowships, etc) to support these positions.



## **SUPPORT**

Appointments will be made for one year with the possibility of renewal for a second year. Post-doctoral research associates are expected to be in residence throughout the academic year. One of the goals of the CSP2 is to build a community of scholars. As a result, in-coming post-doctoral candidates will work with faculty mentors and other post-doctoral candidates to further develop cross-disciplinary relationships on campus, while meeting the objectives of their specific research projects.

The stipends for this award will depend on the number of years of relevant post-doctoral experience at the time of the award. Post-doctoral candidates are eligible for a full benefits package. Post-doctoral candidates will be eligible to apply for travel funds for attending meetings and conferences in their research area. All candidates will be provided office space, computer services, library privileges, and information on locating housing.

Funding for these positions will be provided in part by the Miller Foundation gift to Portland State's sustainability programs. The availability of funding from other departmental or research funds that can provide a full post-doctoral package will be a consideration in the selection process.

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

A committee composed of faculty with relevant expertise will review the applications and recommend candidates to the Director of the Center for Sustainable Processes and Practices and the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies who will make the final decision. Applications will be judged on the basis of:

- Clear exposition of the research to be undertaken
- Quality and significance of the proposed project
- Intellectual distinction of candidate's previous work
- Relevance of the proposed study to sustainability key areas of focus
- References – letters must relate directly to the applicant's proposed research.

In addition, the availability of funds from other sources to support the post-doctoral candidate will be a consideration in the selection process.

Candidates will be informed of the decision in mid-April, 2009.



## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications and three letters of reference must be postmarked no later than March 20, 2009.

The application must be submitted in its entirety, including:

1. A completed application form and budget completed by PSU faculty mentor (see <http://www.pdx.edu/sustainability/postdoc> for forms).
2. A *Curriculum Vitae*, including educational and professional experience, awards and honors, relevant presentations and publications.
3. The names, addresses and telephone numbers of three (3) professional references, *excluding mentors*, who are able to address the scholarly potential of the applicant. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the signed, completed letters of reference are delivered to us by the deadline. Recommenders may submit letters by mail or electronically to Beth Lloyd, Program Administrator, at [elloyd@pdx.edu](mailto:elloyd@pdx.edu). The center is not responsible for missing letters of recommendation.

All applications should be submitted electronically to Beth Lloyd, Program Administrator, at [elloyd@pdx.edu](mailto:elloyd@pdx.edu).

For more information about this program or other sustainability programs at Portland State, please contact either Jennifer Allen ([jhallen@pdx.edu](mailto:jhallen@pdx.edu)) or Beth Lloyd ([elloyd@pdx.edu](mailto:elloyd@pdx.edu)).