

OCTOBER 10, 2016

Four Years Free

Last week, the University announced a program that will pay tuition and mandatory fees for qualifying Oregonians entering Portland State as full-time freshmen starting in fall 2017. Called "Four Years Free," the program is designed for students who are Oregon residents, have a 3.4 grade point average and have applied for and accepted federal and state grants for low-income families. Students taking a full 15-hour course load can save nearly \$8,400 a year through the program. [READ MORE.](#)

PSOM brings 10 days of serious fun

Portland State of Mind returns Oct. 13-22 with a full slate of events celebrating knowledge, culture and the University's unique connection to the city. Events kick off with fearless faculty and alumni telling their stories at [PDXTalks Oct. 13](#). Enjoy food and drink at a tailgate party before the Vikings take on Cal Poly at the [Homecoming game Oct. 15](#) at Providence Park. [Listen to a debate](#) over the proposed Oregon corporate tax Oct. 17, and on the following day join the "[Open for Business](#)" panel discussion and networking opportunity for Portland's LGBTQ community. Nearly 60 events are scheduled and most are free. [See the full schedule.](#)

Podrabsky named associate vice president for research

Biology professor Jason Podrabsky was recently appointed Associate Vice President for Research for the University. He replaces Lisa Zurk, who is on leave from PSU to be a program manager in the U.S. Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency. Among other duties, Podrabsky, who has been on faculty at PSU since 2003, will work with the campus community to provide guidance on decisions called for in PSU's Strategic Plan.

Focus on the Faculty: 'Meeting Students Where They Are'

The Office of Academic Innovation will present sessions and a roundtable discussion connected to the theme "Meeting Students Where They Are" from 2 to 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 20, in its offices, room 209, Smith Union mezzanine. Session topics range from teaching STEM and University Studies online courses to career education and ePortfolios. A reception is planned at 5 p.m. [Visit the event's website to learn more.](#)

Department and school changes

On July 1, the departments of Economics and International and Global Studies joined the College of Urban and Public Affairs. The departments did not move physically, but they are now academically under the CUPA umbrella. In addition, the School of Community Health, which was formerly part of CUPA, has joined forces with Oregon Health & Science University to establish a School of Public Health that builds on the success of the Oregon Master of Public Health program.

Family-friendly resources

The PSU American Association of University Professors Work/Life Balance Committee has created [a new website](#) to help members of the PSU community balance their professional and personal lives. The page, located on the PSU Human Resources website, offers a comprehensive collection of links to resources at PSU and throughout Portland, including childcare options, lactation spaces, eldercare, campus activities, recreation possibilities and more.

Bicycle resources expand on campus

Already hailed as one of the [five most bike-friendly campuses](#) in the nation, PSU has added even more resources to make biking to campus easier, cheaper, and more secure. In July, PSU welcomed the bright orange Nike-sponsored [BIKETOWN bike share stations](#) to campus. Also this summer, the PSU BikeHub created a fleet of [Departmental VikeBikes](#) for employee use on and around campus. This fall, a new covered bike garage opened near the Millar Library, and a bike challenge will be held in November. [READ MORE](#)

Campus accessibility improvements

The [PSU Accessibility Committee](#) receives an annual allocation of \$50,000 to improve physical accessibility on campus. For 2016-2017, the committee—made up of staff, faculty, and students—will fund the creation of a ramp at the front entrance to Market Center Building, to be completed during winter term. Last year, the committee used its funds to remove the lift and create a ramp at Fifth Avenue Cinema. Other recent projects include the creation of a universal design statement, a draft of an online accessibility policy, and the creation of a more robust system for emergency egress.

Encourage students to attend the...

... [All Majors Career & Internship Fair](#) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in 355 Smith Memorial Student Union.

... [STEM Career & Internship Fair](#) from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19, in 355 Smith Union.

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EVENTS

October 10
[Harvest Share: Free Fresh Fruits & Vegetables](#)

[HR Training: Online Leave System Open House](#)

October 11
[Art + Social Practice Conversation: Sue Palmer](#)

[PSU Presidential Search Faculty & Staff Forum](#)

October 12
[PSU Presidential Search Faculty & Staff Forum](#)

[OIT Workshop: Excel Introduction](#)

[Asian American/Asian/Pacific Islander Naming Session](#)

[African American/African/Black Student Resource Center Naming Session](#)

October 13
[OAI Faculty Event: Dannelle Consulting Hours](#)

[Portland State of Mind \(PSOM\): Wynde Dyer Art Exhibition](#)

[PSOM: Susan Murrell - Resident Artist Open Studio](#)

[PSOM: Hannah Lewis-Lopes Art Exhibit](#)

[OAI Faculty Event: CBL Discussion Group](#)

[Faculty & Staff Second Thursday Social Club](#)

[PSOM: 2016 Arlene Schnitzer Visual Arts Prize Exhibit and Awards Ceremony](#)

[PSOM: Pop-up Divinity School - Poems and Music by Alicia Jo Rabins](#)

[PSOM: More Apartments, Less Waste?](#)

[The World... In General - U.S.-Indonesia relations](#)

[PSOM: Concert](#)

[Architecture Lecture by Mexico City Visiting Professors](#)

[Thriller Practice Session](#)

[PSOM: Fighting Climate Change with Global Action and Poetry](#)

[PSOM: PDXTalks](#)

October 13-15
[NW Dance Project: Bolero+](#)

October 14
[PSOM: Portland Region's Economic Recovery: Who is Benefitting and Who is Being Left Behind?](#)

[OAI Faculty Event: Faculty Writing Retreat](#)

[OIT Workshop: Excel Intermediate](#)

[PSOM: Campus Sustainability Tour](#)

[FS Training: ePSU Marketplace](#)

[Transportation Seminar: Can Location Value Capture Pay for Transit?](#)

[Thriller Practice Session](#)

[PSOM: Chemistry Alumni Seminar and Graduate Student Poster Symposium](#)

[PSOM: Green Building and Energy Efficiency in Buildings](#)

[PSOM: Outdoor Program 50th Anniversary Celebration](#)

October 15
[PSOM: De-Radicalizing Radicalization - Interfaith Peacebuilding in Indonesia, the United States, and the World](#)

[PSOM: Campus Rec Alumni Event](#)

[PSOM: Homecoming Football Game and Tailgate](#)

[PSOM: University Studies Beautification Project and BRAVO Youth Concert](#)

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