



Portland State University presents:

## The Hatfield Futures Project

### The Future is Now: Shape Oregon in the Year 2050

#### Greetings educators!

My name is Eliot Feenstra. I'm the project manager for The Hatfield Futures Project, a new opportunity for student voice and engagement from Portland State University and Oregon Kitchen Table. Thank you for taking a short moment to learn a little bit about an exciting opportunity for your students.

In 2050, today's high school students will be at the height of their careers and family lives. What future Oregon will they be living in? How can we support students in their efforts to shape a resilient and prosperous future, in Oregon?

The Hatfield Futures Project aims to engage students in generating innovative solutions for our most important societal, environmental, and economic issues. This can include proposals for social movements, curriculum, public education campaigns, and policy proposals.

Our vision is to **connect students across the state** of Oregon as they collaborate in teams to **present forward-thinking ideas at Portland State University in March** to community leaders, elected officials, and PSU faculty.

With your help, we're asking if you could help us get the word out! Enclosed is a small packet of zero-prep-required promotion materials, including:

- 4-5 minute class announcement guide (back side of this letter)
- Student-friendly one-pager
- Bit.ly link and QR code to a 2-3 minute video to introduce the project

We are actively seeking students who might offer a different point of view or approach to a project like this one. Please **encourage students who demonstrate creativity, insightful inquiry, a bold voice, visionary ideas, and a passion for change work** to apply. Applications are due **Friday, November 17th.**

Interested in opportunities to support these inspiring students and join them in shaping the future? Contact us about volunteering, sponsorship, and other opportunities! [Donate here](#) to help support Hatfield Futures teams. For more information, visit our website or contact Eliot Feenstra at [feen@pdx.edu](mailto:feen@pdx.edu).

Warmly,



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## The Hatfield Futures Project: Educator Guide

**Please announce no later than Friday, November 17th**

**FIRST: Introduce the program (1 min)**

Optional Script: "Portland State University invites you to shape the future around Oregon's most important societal, economic, and environmental issues. The Hatfield Futures Project is a competition between teams of student visionaries across the state who will work together to offer innovative policy solutions at a conference hosted by Portland State University in May. Local change leaders, legislators, and faculty will be there, and they want to hear from you!"

**THEN: Show the video (2-3 minutes)**

The video can be located at the webpage linked to the **QR code below** OR at [bit.ly/3BNbAq7](https://bit.ly/3BNbAq7)



**NEXT: Share the provided resource (1 min)**

If you have a little bit of time to review the one-sheet with students, thank you for doing so! If not, please just let them know that they can learn more through the resources provided. Pass around the provided stack of copies for interested students.

**APPLICATIONS DUE: FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

**If students have questions...**

Use the FAQ provided on the back of the one sheet. Additional questions can be directed to Eliot Feenstra at [feen@pdx.edu](mailto:feen@pdx.edu).

**THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**