



Portland State University presents

# The Hatfield Futures Project

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

### Greetings educators!

My name is Jacque Fitzgerald. 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. I am also a former middle and high school educator, so I know your time is precious. 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 Oregon?

The Hatfield Futures Project aims to **engage students in generating innovative policy proposals** for our most important societal, environmental, and economic issues. 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 April** to community leaders, elected officials, and PSU faculty.

**Our ask of you is small. Once students know about the program and apply, we can take it from there!** Please make a **4-5 minute class announcement no later than Friday, November 22.**

Enclosed is a small packet of zero-prep-required promotion materials including:

- a 4-5 minute class announcement guide (backside of this letter)
- a student-friendly one-sheet and FAQ
- a 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, December 2.**

I know class time is so precious! Thank you for taking just a few moments to share this opportunity with your students. Feel free to email me with questions at [jacque@oregonkitchentable.org](mailto:jacque@oregonkitchentable.org)

It never feels like enough to say it, but thank you so much for all that you do.

Warmly,

Jacque Fitzgerald  
Project Manager, The Hatfield Futures Project





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## Educator Announcement Guide

**PLEASE ANNOUNCE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

**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.

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**If students have questions...**

Use the FAQ provided on the back of the one sheet. Additional questions can be directed to Jacque (pronounced Jackie) Fitzgerald at [jacque@oregonkitchentable.org](mailto:jacque@oregonkitchentable.org)

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