The purpose of the Harold Schnitzer Visiting Scholar fund is to facilitate collaboration in research scholarship between Portland State University (PSU) and partner universities in Israel by funding an Israeli scholar at PSU. Program funds will be available to assist in the recruitment of one faculty scholar from Israel and to help partially offset the costs of hosting that faculty scholar at PSU for a period of six months to one year.

Harold Schnitzer Visiting Scholars may collaborate with faculty and students across all eight colleges and schools of PSU and will be recruited according to university interests, policies and procedures in place at the time. A Visiting Scholar will be hosted by an academic department and sponsoring PSU faculty member. The selected Visiting Scholar will design a program of research objectives, and teaching objectives if desired, for the Scholar’s time at PSU. Program funds will be allocated in the amount of $70,000 - $90,000 each year, before taxes, depending on the scholar’s needs, as well as the scope and duration of the scholar’s proposed program of activities. Payments to scholars are made by PSU and must comply with PSU policies regarding taxable income and reimbursement of moving and travel expenses.

Focus for Harold Schnitzer Visiting Scholar in 2020-2021

For the second year of the Harold Schnitzer Visiting Scholar program, PSU seeks scholars with active research in areas related to those in the Fariborz Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science (MCECS). The selected scholar would be expected to present a brief statement of interest that demonstrates their plan to collaborate with faculty on existing or new research, host graduate-level seminars, participate and attend research lab meetings, mentor graduate students in collaboration with an MCECS faculty member, host technical seminars for local industry, meet with interested and relevant private and public leaders in their field of research, engage with research projects of undergraduate students, and if interested, possibly teach undergraduate or graduate-level courses, as agreed by the department chair and the sponsored faculty. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who demonstrate a strong commitment to advancing joint proposals for funding opportunities available to U.S.-Israeli institutions engaged in joint research activities.

The exact duration and timing of the visit is flexible, but would ideally begin by mid-year, and be of sufficient length to establish a meaningful research collaboration with MCECS faculty and students. Visiting Scholars may also have the opportunity to engage with the PSU Business Accelerator.

About PSU and MCECS

Portland State University (PSU) is Oregon’s largest and most diverse urban-serving university. Our campus is integrated into the heart of downtown Portland, one of the most vibrant cities in the world, yet it is only minutes away from the outdoor beauty of the Pacific Northwest. The Fariborz Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science (MCECS) at Portland State University offers ABET-accredited engineering and computer science academic programs that evolve in parallel with the growth of the high-tech and sustainability industries in Oregon. More than 3,000 students are currently enrolled in programs that lead to bachelor’s, master’s, and doctorate degrees. Further information about MCECS is available online at pdx.edu/cecs, where visitors can also learn about MCECS’ Strategic Vision.

Application process and additional information

To apply for the Harold Schnitzer Visiting Scholar program, please send:
Applicant CV/resume,
A letter of support from your institution
A cover letter of interest
To: Jason Podrabsky, Assoc. Vice President for Research and Graduate Studies at: podrabsky@pdx.edu. Please include “Schnitzer application” and your name in the subject line.

Deadline: Sunday, December 1, 2019