



Portland State University to Develop Expertise and Leadership in Computational Mathematics and Statistics

“With significant global competition facing us, now is the time to contribute to our educational institutions. Investments fostering collaboration between academia and business will lead to useful and practical breakthroughs in the future. I am honored to be a part of the transformation of PSU’s Math and Statistics Department.”

Dr. Fariborz Maseeh 



Portland State University’s department of mathematics and statistics has received a \$3.9 million gift from alumnus and entrepreneur Fariborz Maseeh. Expanding upon the department’s existing expertise, the gift will help to develop a preeminent computational mathematics and statistics program at PSU and promote partnerships for research and innovation throughout the region. In recognition, the department has been renamed the Fariborz Maseeh Department of Mathematics and Statistics.

Maseeh’s gift, with additional investment from the university, will create three new faculty positions in computational mathematics and statistics: the “Maseeh Distinguished Chair in Computational Mathematics” and two “Maseeh Professors in Computational Mathematics.” It also will support research fellowships, colloquium and lecture series. PSU will seek high quality mathematicians and statisticians with the record and the capacity to expand cross disciplinary research in biology, engineering, health sciences, finance and other fields.

About Fariborz Maseeh

A first-generation American born in Iran, Fariborz Maseeh received his B.S. in engineering and M.S. in mathematics from Portland State, an M.S. in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin, and a doctorate in science in engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Maseeh founded and

sold one of the world’s first and fastest-growing companies specializing in the custom design, development and manufacture of micro-mechanical chips. He serves on the advisory boards of MIT, PSU, UCI and USC.

About Portland State University

PSU serves more than 28,000 students in Portland, Oregon, one of the nation’s most livable cities. PSU combines academic rigor with field-based internships and projects with community partners. Many PSU degree programs incorporate sustainability into the curriculum. PSU’s motto, “Let Knowledge Serve the City,” inspires the teaching and research of an accomplished faculty whose work and students span the globe.

According to Wim Wiewel, president of Portland State, “Dr. Maseeh’s generosity shows the way to making PSU the internationally competitive urban research university that Portland needs.”

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