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Dear Prospective Graduate Student:

Thank you for your interest in the graduate program in Geography at Portland State University. Enclosed is information concerning our program, including a newly revised *Information Booklet*.

We are a small, friendly department, with a current enrollment of 50 graduate students and over 60 undergraduate majors. Our program is flexibly designed, allowing us to accommodate a variety of student backgrounds and interests.

We strongly encourage you to contact individual faculty whose specializations parallel your interests. Matching a new graduate student with a faculty advisor is a key part of the admission process and it is to your advantage to have a clear idea of which faculty members with whom you would most likely be interested in working. In addition, initiating a dialogue with one or more potential faculty advisors will assist you in exploring program possibilities and in deciding whether PSU is a good fit for your interests.

If your interest is in the Ph.D. program in ESR-Geography, it is absolutely essential that you contact potential faculty advisors and work closely with them in assessing the department's appropriateness for your interests and discussing a potential program of study.

The *Portland State University Bulletin/General Catalog* is available online, www.pdx.edu, if you wish additional general information about the university.

We hope that you will find the enclosed information useful and look forward to your application. The inside back cover of the *Booklet* outlines the application process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us at any time.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures: *Information Booklet*, Course Description List, Graduate School Application, and Department Application

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