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**Creating Pathways to College and Careers is Focus of
PGE Foundation Education Grants Totaling More Than \$550,000**

Fifty college scholarships totaling \$125,500 directly support students

PORTLAND, Ore. — The PGE Foundation, the corporate foundation of Portland General Electric (PGE), has awarded more than \$550,000 to fund 32 grants for educational programs that help prepare young people to be future ready for the world of work.

Education and community-based organizations are delivering hands-on applied learning experiences that give students a greater understanding and connection to the world of work, which is critical to closing the achievement gap and improving educational outcomes.

“Over the next decade, more than 120,000 jobs requiring post-secondary training or education will be needed in Oregon, so we’re investing in the potential of Oregon students who are developing the skills and resiliency today to take on tomorrow’s jobs,” said Kregg Arntson, executive director of the PGE Foundation.

Arntson says the foundation is committed to working with community partners to eliminate racial, social, and economic inequities by directing resources to culturally-specific and -responsive organizations engaging students in career technical education and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) programs, including:

- **Centro Cultural de Washington County** to expand their STEM and robotics program to create a K-12 pipeline for 300 Washington County youth.
- **Dress for Success of Oregon** to support a new program in partnership with Treehouse that teaches adult women to computer code with the goal of leading them to employment in the tech industry.
- **Outside In** to support youth experiencing homelessness through free job training and educational opportunities.
- **Oregon Health & Sciences University Foundation** to engage more than 3,500 youth in science education in Chiloquin, Portland, Woodburn, and Warm Springs.
- **Girls Build** to educate and build confidence in girls 8-14 years old through hands-on learning in the building trades.

This year, the PGE Foundation awarded \$125,500 to Oregon colleges and universities — Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities, Oregon State University, Oregon Institute of Technology, University of Oregon, Portland State University and Portland Community College — to provide 50 academic scholarships, with an emphasis on supporting first-generation college students, students needing financial assistance, students of color and women seeking degrees in fields where they have experienced barriers to access.

Portland Community College’s Future Connect program not only provides scholarship money, it helps students succeed by offering career guidance and support navigating the challenges of school, work and life.

“College can be a jungle, and without Future Connect as a guide post, I have no idea where I would be right now,” said Faith Lao, Portland Community College Future Connect student. “Future Connect has helped me to find the leader within myself. It also has given me the opportunity to meet amazing people.

It's not just an average college program that helps you for a while, and then sends you on your way alone. Instead, Future Connect is a family you will remember forever."



Students participating in the Future Connect program at Portland Community College

By investing in education programs, the PGE Foundation is working with our community to ensure equitable outcomes and strengthen economic mobility for Oregon students, so they graduate knowing who they are, prepared for their future and adaptable to the fast-changing world of work.

See complete list of the 2019 education grant awardees on the following page.

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About the PGE Foundation: The PGE Foundation is the philanthropic arm of Portland General Electric. Founded in 1997, the foundation was created through an endowment with the expressed purpose of improving the quality of life for Oregonians. Since its inception, more than \$22 million has been awarded to community organizations across the state. Through the collaborative work of community organizations, our grants work to strengthen the community by empowering families, inspiring young people through creative expression and creating clear pathways to educational and career opportunities. The Foundation's giving is separate from the corporate giving of PGE. Gwyneth Gamble Booth is chair, Dave Robertson is vice chair and Kregg Arntson is executive director. To learn more, visit pgefoundation.org.

We champion values that embrace diversity, equity and inclusion. Working together with community members, partners and friends, we are committed to using our time and resources to help eliminate disparities and create an equitable society where all people can reach their full potential. Visit pgefoundation.org/funding-opportunities/our-commitment-to-equity to read more about our commitment to equity.

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2019 Cycle 1: Arts education grants

ORGANIZATION	PURPOSE	GRANT AMOUNT
All Hands Raised <i>(Year 2 of 2-year commitment)</i>	To support improvement of student outcomes for 220,000 children and young adults in Multnomah County.	\$25,000
Better Together Central Oregon	To support student pathways beyond high school through internships and post-secondary access.	\$25,000
Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion & Polk Counties	For the Training Teens for Tomorrow (T3) program which prepares youth with skills needed to succeed.	\$10,000
Centro Cultural de Washington County	Expand STEM and robotics program in order to create a K-12 pipeline for 300 West Washington Youth.	\$7,500
College Possible	To support graduating high school seniors as they work to enroll in college.	\$20,000
Concordia University <i>(3toPhD)</i>	To support planning and early implementation of a systems approach to school improvement in NE PDX.	\$10,000
Constructing Hope Pre-Apprenticeship Program	To support career readiness and job search programs.	\$10,000
Dress for Success of Oregon	To support a new program teaching adult women to code, leading to full-time tech industry employment.	\$10,000
Elevate Oregon	To bridge the gap to college and/or career for 400 youth in Parkrose.	\$15,000
Friends of the Children – Portland	To support pre-apprenticeship training and apprenticeship activities for 100 youth.	\$25,000
Girls Build	To support building trades education for girls 8-14 years old in the Portland metro area.	\$7,500
Girls Inc. of the Pacific Northwest	To support the Eureka! STEM education programming in the Portland metro area.	\$10,000
Impact NW	To support youth through direct STEM activities and educator professional development.	\$25,000
Latino Network	To support culturally-specific summer bridge program for incoming 9th grade Latinx students.	\$10,000
Marathon Scholars	To support high school completion, college enrollment and completion for Marathon Scholar students.	\$15,000
Minds Matter of Portland	To support 50 students obtain admission to a four-year college.	\$10,000
Open School	To support improved and expanded education services to more students experiencing disparities.	\$25,000

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Oregon Business Council Charitable Institute	To support CTE-STEM education policy and investments, and cultivate more employer engagement.	\$25,000
Oregon Health & Sciences University Foundation	To support science education for 3,500+ students in Chiloquin, Portland, Woodburn and Warm Springs.	\$25,000
Oregon MESA <i>(Fiscal: Portland State University)</i>	To expand MESA's STEM education from 650 to 800 Oregon students.	\$20,000
Oregon Student Voice <i>(Fiscal sponsor Foundation for a Better Oregon)</i>	To support youth in transforming how students are included in K-12 education decision-making.	\$10,000
Outside In	To support youth experiencing homelessness through free job training and educational opportunities.	\$10,000
Portland Community College Foundation	To provide 345 high school youth with scholarship support and wraparound services through PCC's Future Connect program.	\$25,000
Portland YouthBuilders	To support high school completion and job training for 100 youth in Portland metro region.	\$7,500
South Metro Salem STEM Partnership <i>(Fiscal sponsor: Oregon Tech Foundation)</i>	To support implementation of Oregon Connections throughout the Portland and Salem metro areas.	\$15,000
Oregon Alliance of Independent Colleges & Universities	Scholarships <i>(funded in part by PGE employee donors)</i>	\$38,100
Oregon State University Foundation	Scholarships <i>(funded in part by PGE employee donors)</i>	\$28,100
Oregon Tech Foundation	Scholarships <i>(funded in part by PGE employee donors)</i>	\$18,100
University of Oregon Foundation	Scholarships <i>(funded in part by PGE employee donors)</i>	\$13,100
PSU <i>(EGC & match only)</i>	Scholarships <i>(funded in part by PGE employee donors)</i>	\$3,100
PSU Foundation Sustainability Scholarships <i>(Year 1 of 2-year commitment)</i>	To support students over two years on urban challenge focused projects.	\$25,000
Oregon Community Foundation	For Community 101 student grantmaking program created by the PGE Foundation.	\$35,602

Total: \$558,602



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