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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*. This booklet may also be found online at <http://web.pdx.edu/%7Eporacskj/GeogGradInfo.pdf>.

We are a small, friendly department, with a current enrollment of 30 graduate students and more than 90 undergraduate majors. The graduate program is designed to take maximum advantage of the opportunities offered by PSU's location and the mixture of academic and applied experiences offered here.

We strongly encourage you to contact individual faculty whose interests parallel yours. Matching a new graduate student with a faculty advisor is a key part of the admission process. Talking with 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 essential that you contact potential faculty advisors in the Geography Department and work with them in assessing the department's appropriateness for your interests and exploring a potential program of study.

The *Portland State University Bulletin/General Catalog* is available online at <http://pdx.edu/registration/bulletin.html>. For additional general information about the university, please go to <http://pdx.edu/>.

We hope that you will find the enclosed information useful and look forward to your application. Page 11 of our *Information 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:
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