UNIVERSITY VENTURE DEVELOPMENT FUND

AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY, we value creativity and innovation.

We are Oregon’s urban research university and we are dedicated to launching ideas from our labs to the marketplace.

The University Venture Development Fund (UVDF) was established by the Oregon Legislature to support the commercialization of university discoveries as well as campus-based entrepreneurial education.

Donors to the UVDF receive a significant State of Oregon tax credit because the ideas and education you are investing in today form the backbone of Oregon’s economic future.

Many important research discoveries do not see the launch from lab to market due to LACK OF START-UP FUNDING.

Venture capitalists fund companies ready to market their product, yet shy away from funding CRITICAL EARLY STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT such as prototyping and market studies.

THIS FUNDING GAP is where ‘venture philanthropists’ can make a difference. Individuals and companies who donate to PSU’s Venture Development Fund may be issued a generous state income TAX CREDIT OF 60 PERCENT OF A GIFT OF UP TO $1 MILLION.

Over the last six years, PSU research resulted in more than 40 ISSUED PATENTS, 8 START-UP COMPANIES, AND 45 PROJECTS licensed to external partners.
“University Venture Development funds allowed Diatomix to undertake product and business development activity when our young start-up had little else to go on.”

Adrian Polliack
CEO, Diatomix, Inc.

PSU has used UVDF funds to support 18 projects and start-ups, including the following companies:

DIATOMIX, INC. develops patented bioengineered nanotechnology that actively and continuously improves indoor air quality when incorporated into building materials like paint.

DESIGNMEDIX, INC. develops drugs to address the large medical need caused by the rapid rise in drug resistance in multiple diseases, with a focus toward globally-important infectious diseases such as malaria.

SWEETSENSE, INC. improves transparency, accountability and cost-effectiveness of remote water, energy and infrastructure projects to improve health and quality of life.

INVEST IN INNOVATION

We invite you to support innovation and entrepreneurship at Portland State University by making a donation to PSU’s University Venture Development Fund. Donors to the fund can claim sixty percent of their gift as a state income tax credit.* The UVDF supports faculty and student research, Portland-based start-ups, and helps launch critical ideas from the lab to the marketplace.

*The full tax credit can be claimed the year of the donation. Alternately, donors can carry the credit over a three-year period. The maximum credit allowable is $600,000 for individuals and businesses. To be eligible for the state tax credit, please complete a brief Tax Credit Certificate Application and send the completed application with your gift. The application is available at psuf.org/uvdf or by contacting the PSU Foundation.