Portland State University Foundation Philanthropic Cultivation Award

Kenneth Stedman, Ph.D.

KENNETH STEDMAN is a professor of Biology at Portland State University. He currently serves on and chairs a number of committees around the university and within the Biology Department. In particular, his chairmanship and service on the Biology Department’s Research and Development Committee makes him the ideal recipient of the PSU Foundation’s Philanthropic Cultivation Award.

During his 16 years with the university, Professor Stedman has been prolific in his outreach to alumni, donors and research partners. He has secured dozens of grants, including eight grants of more than $100,000 from sources as diverse as NASA, the National Science Foundation, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has embraced the role of the Research and Development Committee with vigor and actively works with the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Development Office to fully engage alumni and donors and cultivate them for current and future gifts to the department.

Professor Stedman has done a masterful job of stewarding many of the department’s top philanthropic partners, ensuring a successful experience for not only the benefactors, but also for the recipients of our donors’ generosity. Professor Stedman clearly understands the importance and impact of maintaining open, direct and thoughtful communication to the University’s philanthropic partners and goes above and beyond to leave a positive lasting impression of PSU and the Biology Department.

He has also done outstanding work in maintaining a connection to current and past faculty of the Biology Department, many of whom choose to support the department as a direct result of Professor Stedman’s contact with them.

Professor Stedman has shown himself to be a tireless advocate for not only the Biology Department but for all of PSU. He serves on the University’s Education Policy Committee, the Faculty Senate, and is chair of the PSU Institutional Biosafety Committee.