



SIOR Oregon Chapter and SIOR Foundation Announce Scholarship Program with Portland State University's Center for Real Estate

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Portland, OR; September 5, 2018 – Aaron Barnard SIOR, and President of the **SIOR Foundation (Society of Industrial & Office Realtors®)** announced a new scholarship program with **Portland State University's Center for Real Estate** in the **Schools of Business and Urban Studies and Planning**. <https://www.pdx.edu/realestate/>

“We are thrilled to enhance and expand SIOR’s relationship and the SIOR Foundation’s work with one of Oregon’s finest academic institutions. This makes the fourth U.S. university to embrace the matching funds program since we started in 2014 with St. Louis University and it really is the most effective way to leverage scholarship dollars from local SIOR chapters, the SIOR Foundation and a local foundation, corporation or school alumni,” Aaron Barnard exclusively tells globest.com.



Aaron Barnard, SIOR

Texas A&M and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte are two other schools with \$24,000 matching funds scholarship programs.

SIOR’s Oregon Chapter, along with matching funds from Washington, D.C.-based SIOR Foundation and Portland State University established a \$24,000 fund through the Portland State University Foundation for the 2018-2019 school year that will create four, \$4,000 scholarships to graduate students as well as \$8,000 in fellowship grants for a student writer and a graphic designer to produce the Center for Real Estate Quarterly Report.

<https://www.pdx.edu/realestate/center-for-real-estate-quarterly>

The scholarships will support Master in Real Estate Development students who are pursuing the graduate degree full time in one-year or part-time in two-years at a cost of \$38,000. The Center for Real Estate was founded in 2004 and admits 30 students annually to the MRED program. The program strives to provide the real estate industry with talented and well-prepared graduates seeking careers in commercial real estate and to foster innovation and creative development that enriches Portland’s reputation as an urban model. The average graduate student age is 30.

“We’re very pleased to introduce a new scholarship program to The Master of Real Estate Development program, which draws from one of Oregon’s leading School of Business as well as Portland State’s nationally and globally recognized School of Urban Studies and Planning. These students will be highly qualified to join the commercial real estate industry if they are not already in it and advance their careers if they are,” said **Julie Gibson**, MBA and Executive Director of the Center for Real Estate at Portland State University (PSU).



Julie Gibson, MBA

The academic partnership was arranged by SIOR Oregon Chapter President **Tom Talbot**, SIOR, a Senior Vice President and Partner with **Kidder Mathews** and **Stan Kleweno**, a SIOR Associate Member and SIOR Foundation Trustee and Principal of **Transpacific dk Investments LLC**, along with **Julie Gibson** and **Erin O’Roak**, Assistant Director of Development – The School of Business and a representative for the Portland State University Foundation.

The Oregon SIOR chapter and the SIOR Foundation have been extending fellowship grants to PSU for a number of years and specifically for student writers contributing to the Center for Real Estate’s Quarterly Reports. The matching funds program will exponentially expand the SIOR scholarship and fellowship tuition support, helping six students defray the cost of their education.

SIOR is the world’s largest and most prestigious association of commercial real estate brokers. Aaron Barnard is a veteran broker in Minneapolis with Cushman & Wakefield and specializes in investment analysis, tenant and landlord representation.

About SIOR:

The SOCIETY OF INDUSTRIAL AND OFFICE REALTORS® (SIOR) is the leading professional office and industrial real estate association. SIOR members complete more than 80,000 transactions annually. SIOR has more than 3,000 members in more than 630 cities in 34 countries. SIOR represents today’s most knowledgeable, experienced, and successful commercial real estate brokerage specialists. Real estate professionals who have earned the SIOR designation are recognized as the most capable and experienced brokerage practitioners in any market.

About SIOR Foundation

SIOR Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit organization that solicits and accepts charitable contributions, which are tax deductible for income estate and gift-tax purposes. The foundation is managed by a Board of Trustees and administered by a staff from its Washington, D.C. headquarters. The Foundation was originally established in 1962 as the Society of Industrial Realtors® Educational Fund (SIREF). In 2005, SIOREF broadened its scope to provide future support to SIOR members and communities. Future plans envision an endowment goal of \$10 million, sufficient to attract the brightest minds to the community by offering full scholarships at every college with an accredited real estate program, to create endowed real estate chairs at

accredited universities, build an SIOR Foundation research department, create the industry standard for ethics and accountability, and increase funds for research and community programs.