

## **2020 Call for Proposals**

**William Simes Research Fund  
Hastings Natural History Reservation  
Carmel Valley, CA**

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The Hastings Natural History Reservation is located in the Carmel Valley in Monterey County, California. This 1200-ha site encompasses a range of local habitats, including oak woodlands, chaparral, native grasslands, recovered agricultural fields, and several riparian corridors. Hastings has been a center for field-based research for more than 80 years and is the oldest of the field stations in the University of California's world class Natural Reserve System (<https://ucnrs.org>). Accordingly, in addition to a wealth of opportunities to study extant organisms, numerous archival data sets regarding the Reservation are available through Hastings and the Berkeley Natural History Museums (<https://bnhm.berkeley.edu>). More information regarding Hastings can be found at <http://hastingsreserve.org>.



The William Simes Research Fund was established to honor the father of Frances Simes Hastings who, with her husband Russell, donated the land in Carmel Valley that would become the Hastings Reservation. William Simes was a successful New England merchant specializing in the importation of tea. His daughter Frances and her husband Russell lived in California for many years, purchasing land in Carmel Valley in 1929. Funding to establish the Simes Award was provided by the grandchildren of Frances and Russell in 2017.

**Purpose:** The Simes Fund is intended to support costs associated with an extended (e.g., several month) period of field research at Hastings. Appropriate uses include costs of housing, food, and other supplies required to conduct fieldwork.

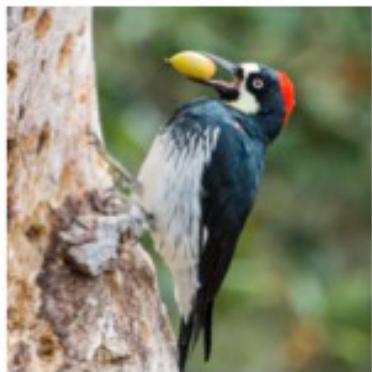
**Eligibility:** The award is open to graduate students (Masters and Ph.D.) and postdoctoral researchers; pending available funds, applications from exceptional undergraduates will be considered. Any topic in organismal biology is appropriate. Projects in other science disciplines (e.g., geology, anthropology) will also be considered if they use study systems available at Hastings. The award is open to members of any accredited graduate program; applicants do not need to be students at UC Berkeley or other campuses in the UC system.

**Award:** Awards of up to \$1500 will be made each year; the exact number of awards per year will depend upon available funding. The award will be paid directly to the recipient. After 1 year, the recipient will be expected to provide a short (1 page) report summarizing the activities conducted at Hastings using the award. Awardees will be required to provide an update on their research to the funders by 1 October 2021.

**Application process:** Applicants should complete the attached form. In addition, they should provide a short description (no more than 2 pages) of the proposed research, including a statement describing the relevance of Hastings to the project and the proposed use of the funds associated with the award. Applicants should also submit their CV and a letter of recommendation from their graduate or postdoctoral mentor. Materials from the application (application form, proposal, CV) should be compiled as a single document in pdf format; the file name should include the applicant's last name (e.g., "Grinnell\_Simes\_Award\_2019"). Applications should be sent by **31 January 2020** to:

Dr. Jennifer S. Hunter  
Resident Director Hastings Natural History Reservation  
Email: [jshunter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jshunter@berkeley.edu)

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of faculty familiar with the Hastings Reservations. Awards will be announced by 1 March 2020. Questions regarding the William Simes Award should be addressed to Jennifer Hunter at [jshunter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jshunter@berkeley.edu).



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**William Simes Research Fund**  
Application Form 2020

The William Simes Research Fund supports costs associated with field research at the Hastings Natural History Reservation in Monterey County, California. In 2020, awards of up to \$1500 will be made to graduate students (M.S. or Ph.D.) or postdoctoral scholars conducting research at Hastings.

To apply for a research award, provide the following:

1. Complete the cover sheet (below).
2. Attach a short (1-2 page) description of the proposed research, including the role of Hastings in your project.
3. Attach a copy of your CV.
4. Have your adviser send a letter of recommendation to the email address provided below.

**Completed applications should be sent as a single pdf file to [jshunter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jshunter@berkeley.edu).**

**Include your last name in the file name (e.g., "Grinnell\_Simes\_Award\_2020")**

**Applications are due 31 January, 2020.**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree sought: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Project title: \_\_\_\_\_

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Proposed budget: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed timeline at Hastings: \_\_\_\_\_