

2022 Call for Proposals

Shipleigh-Skinner Reserve – Riverside County Endowment

The Center for Conservation Biology (CCB) and the College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences (CNAS) of the University of California at Riverside announce a Call for Proposals for Grad Students and Postdocs desiring to perform research on the Shipley-Skinner Reserve in Riverside County or in lands broadly adjacent to the reserve. Situated between the urbanizing areas of Temecula and Murrieta to the southwest, Hemet and San Jacinto to the northeast, and bounded by Lake Skinner on the south and Diamond Valley Lake on the north, the Shipley-Skinner lands comprise an important habitat for a variety of coastal sage shrub, chaparral, oak woodlands, non-native grasslands, riparian, and freshwater lake species. This area provides habitat for many rare, threatened, and endangered species.

In 1991, the Metropolitan Water District (MWD) of Southern California initiated a management plan to recognize and govern habitat values on lands acquired to mitigate the projected impacts of MWD's water development projects in Western Riverside County. Asked to provide research in habitat protection, monitoring, and restoration, CNAS instituted this call to address these issues in the region. In 2001, the area of research expanded to other reserves in the county as the County of Riverside established an endowment to the CCB for the study of conservation issues affecting Riverside County.

Proposals can include the following areas:

Monitoring of the status and quality of ecosystems and rare species. For example, this may include conservation of existing populations, invasions, effects of disturbances, or ecosystem changes. Research activities may include experimental, observational, or modeling approaches. Any regional species or ecosystem is acceptable. There is not a specific listing of plant and animal species on the Shipley-Skinner lands available.

Submission of Proposals

Proposals are limited to three pages in length (Minimum 11 pt font, single spaced, 3 page limit excludes cited references and budget). Responses to this Call must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on 13 May 2022 and should include the following information:

- PI name, name, title, total budget requested
- Justification and Rationale - a brief statement on the need for the research
- Research Plan - including plans for data collection and data management
- References
- Budget and Budget Narrative - provide details regarding the use of funds for each line item of the budget. These can include graduate student summer or up to one quarter stipends and benefits. The budget should reflect the costs needed to conduct the proposed research during the project duration. Indirect costs will not be funded.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by UCR faculty based on their scientific merit and their potential to address critical regional conservation problems that span the urban to wildland continuum. *Preference will be given to graduate student research and projects that can provide critical data for future extramural support.*

Conditions of Award

If previously funded by Shipley-Skinner Reserve – Riverside County Endowment, Principal Investigators must complete previous awards in this program, and final narrative reports (electronic form) must be filed at the CCB. Project duration is expected to be of one year; July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.

Award announcements are planned for 27 May 2022.

Final Report

A final report (electronic copy) will be required at the end of the project period. This report must include specific recommendations for maintenance and enhancement of the habitat and/or species at the Shipley-Skinner Reserve (Skinner Shipley endowment) or regional conservation issues (Riverside County endowment). All data must be submitted to the CCB. The report will be posted on the CCB website (ccb.ucr.edu). Data management plan must be included.

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