

# 2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## BOX SPRINGS MOUNTAIN STUDENT RESEARCH

The Center for Conservation Biology (CCB) announces a Call for Proposals for Undergrad and Graduate students desiring to perform research on Box Springs Mountain adjacent to UC Riverside. The Box Springs mountains comprise an important habitat for a variety of coastal sage shrub, chaparral, oak woodland, non-native grasslands, and riparian species and ecosystems. These lands also burn frequently increasing risks to ecosystems, species, and adjacent neighborhoods directly by burning and throughout the region by reduced air quality.

Total available funding is \$4,000 and we expect to offer 1-2 awards. Project duration is expected to be of one year, with completion by 31 December 2021.

**Proposals are solicited that address ecological dynamics in the Box Springs Mountains.** Research can evaluate the status and dynamics of ecosystems and important species in the Box Springs Mountains and their relationship with any aspect of adjacent urbanization, including fragmentation, exotic species, pollution, disturbance, and other factors. Research activities may include experimental, observational, or modeling approaches. Collaborative projects are encouraged.

### Submission of Proposals

Responses to this Call must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on 20 November 2020 and should include the following information:

- PI name(s), name, title, total budget requested, summary (150 words maximum)
- Project Description: Justification, Research Plan, References (2 pg maximum, 11 pt font, single spaced)
- Budget and Budget Narrative - provide details regarding the use of funds for each line item of the budget. The budget should reflect the costs needed to conduct the proposed research during the project duration. The budget justification should include plans for addressing challenges resulting from uncertainties with COVID restrictions as needed. *Indirect costs will not be funded.*
- Biosketch for all PIs (1 pg maximum)

### Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on their scientific merit, the potential to address land management problems, and potential use of the project outcomes in future research.

*Award announcements are planned for 1 December 2020.*

### **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 Box Springs Mountain lands. All data must be submitted to the CCB or an open public repository. The report will be posted on the CCB website ([ccb.ucr.edu](http://ccb.ucr.edu)).

**Submit an *electronic version* [debbie.brown@ucr.edu](mailto:debbie.brown@ucr.edu)**

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