

2021 CALL FOR PROPOSALS

SHIPLEY-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 Graduate Students desiring to perform research that addresses conservation needs within Riverside county.

Proposals are requested for research contributing to the monitoring, conservation, and restoration of ecosystems and species. This may include research into populations, communities, ecosystem or landscape changes that directly or indirectly contributes to conservation needs. Any regional species or ecosystem of conservation concern throughout the wildland urban interface is acceptable. Research activities may include experimental, observational, or modeling approaches.

Submission of Proposals

Responses to this Call must be submitted before 4:00 p.m. on **19 May 2021** and include the following information:

- Cover page (1 page limit): Participants names (including student and faculty), project title, total budget requested, short abstract.
- Project Description (3 page limit, 11 pt font, single space): 1) A brief statement the justification and rationale on the need, research questions, and hypotheses. 2) Research plan including data collection, analysis, and data management/availability
- References (No page limit).
- Budget and Budget Narrative (No page limit): 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 are not funded. Requests above \$20,000 need strong justification.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated by UCR faculty based on their scientific merit, the potential to address critical regional and species management problems, and ensuring a balance of funded projects. Preference will be given to projects that 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, end date is to be 30 June 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 and an appropriate repository. The report will be posted on the CCB website (ccb.ucr.edu).

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Award announcements are planned for 1 June 2021.

Program History

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 at the Shipley-Skinner Reserve. In 2001, the area of research expanded to other reserves and landscapes as the County of Riverside established an endowment to the CCB for the study of conservation issues throughout the county.