

# William Simes Research Award Hastings Natural History Reservation Carmel Valley, CA

## 2021 Call for Proposals

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The Hastings Natural History Reservation is located in the Carmel Valley of Monterey County, California. This 2500-acre site encompasses a range of habitats, including oak woodlands, chaparral, native grasslands, recovered agricultural fields, several riparian corridors, and three seasonal creeks. 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 Award was established to honor the father of Frances Simes Hastings who, with her husband Russell, donated the land that would become the Hastings Reservation to UC Berkeley in 1937. Funding to establish the Simes Award was provided by the grandchildren of Frances and Russell in 2017.

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

**Eligibility:** This award is open to graduate students (M.S. and Ph.D.) and postdoctoral researchers; applications from exceptional undergraduates will also 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 institution; 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. Awardees will be required to submit a final report (2-4 pg) by 1 April 2022.

**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. Application materials (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., "[Last Name] Simes Award 2021"). Applications are due **31 January 2021** 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 UC Berkeley faculty and reserve staff. Awards will be announced by 1 March 2021. Questions regarding the William Simes Award should be addressed to Jennifer Hunter at [jshunter@berkeley.edu](mailto:jshunter@berkeley.edu).



# William Simes Research Award Application Form

**Due: 31 January 2021**

The William Simes Research Award supports costs associated with field research at the Hastings Natural History Reservation. In 2021, awards of up to \$1500 will be made to graduate students (M.S. or Ph.D.), postdoctoral scholars, or exceptional undergraduates in support of research conducted at Hastings Reserve.

To apply for the Simes Award, provide the following:

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

**Completed applications should be sent as a single pdf file to:**

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

**Include your last name in the file name (e.g., “[Last Name] Simes Award 2021”)**

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

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

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

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Proposed budget (table):

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