

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

2023 Call for Proposals

The Hastings Natural History Reservation is located in the Carmel Valley of Monterey County, California. This 2500 acre 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 that would become Hastings Reserve 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 Fund is intended to offset the costs associated with an extended (e.g., several month) period of field research at Hastings. Appropriate uses include costs of housing and 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. The primary intent of this award is to fund research in organismal biology at Hastings Reserve, however projects in other

science disciplines (e.g., geology, anthropology) and the humanities will also be considered. 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: Multiple awards of \$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 brief report (2-4 pg.) by 1 March 2024.

Application process: Applicants should complete the form, below. 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., "[Last Name] Simes Award 2023). Applications are due **31 December 2022** to:

Dr. Jennifer S. Hunter
Resident Director
Hastings Natural History Reservation
email: jshunter@berkeley.edu

Applications will be reviewed by a committee of UC Berkeley faculty and reserve staff. Awards will be announced by 1 February 2023. Questions regarding the William Simes Award should be addressed to Jennifer Hunter at jshunter@berkeley.edu.



William Simes Research Fund Application Form

Due: 31 December 2022

The William Simes Research Fund supports costs associated with field research at the Hastings Natural History Reservation. In 2023, 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

Include your last name in the file name (e.g., “[Last Name] Simes Award 2023”)

Name: _____ Email: _____

Degree sought: _____ Institution: _____

Project title: _____

Proposed budget (table):

Proposed timeline at Hastings: _____