



UC SANTA BARBARA
Graduate Division

Research Accelerator

Elevating Donor Support to Fuel Cutting Edge Research

Every graduate student reaches a point when they must intensely focus on the research that is the foundation for their dissertation or thesis. The Research Accelerator provides our top graduate students with the opportunity to advance their groundbreaking research. The program amplifies the impact of donor gifts by adding additional funds from the Graduate Division.

Program Features

- The Graduate Division provides an additional \$3,000 (plus covering the gift fee) to donor gifts of \$5,000 to provide a full summer research fellowship
- Students can utilize the funding for research expenses such as travel, housing at their research site, and specialized equipment
- Students from all disciplines at UC Santa Barbara are eligible to participate
- Financial commitment must be made by March 31st to ensure a summer fellowship



Annette conducting field research at the Jack and Laura Dangermond Preserve

“The Decolvenaere Research Accelerator enabled me to design my own field work budget, execute it on my schedule and make changes as needed. As a result, I have greater autonomy in my research endeavors both practically and creatively. The fellowship provided financial ease but also the opportunity to practice designing and handling a research budget, which will serve me well for future projects. Thank you for the support!”

— Annette Hilton, Third Year Ph.D. Student
Bren School of Environmental Science & Management

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