

The Create Fund

Supporting radical curiosity and passion

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College of Creative Studies

The College of Creative Studies at UC Santa Barbara

An immersive undergraduate experience

CCS is known for its signature undergraduate experience: an experiential learning model embedded within an outstanding tier one research university.

Project-based learning and undergraduate research is considered superlative pedagogy, and CCS has been putting it into practice for 50 years! Students enjoy one-on-one faculty mentoring that encourages them to investigate questions, take risks, and make significant contributions in their fields.

In fact, all CCS students create original work or conduct original research at UCSB.

CCS at-a-glance

- Established in 1967 (yes, the summer of love) by Provost Marvin Mudrick
 - CCS offers 8 majors to ~ 400 exceptional students
 - Proudly recognizes an alumna Nobel Laureate, Dr. Carol Greider '83
 - 20% of UCSB Regents Scholars are CCS students
 - 70% of CCS alumni report advancing their education through graduate studies
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Summer is a prime time for CCS students to continue their immersive undergraduate experience. Many pursue research opportunities that enrich their studies and advance their knowledge.

The Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship program (known as "SURF") historically provided fellowships to students in STEM majors to conduct research during the summer, led by UCSB faculty. Limited funding amounted to constrained student support.

Only a small fraction of eligible applicants were offered fellowships. Additionally, those who did obtain funding received an amount below the national average.

Creating Opportunities

CCS launched The Create Fund in Fall 2017 during its 50th Anniversary to expand student opportunities. The Create Fund replaces SURF and seeks to:

- Make available summer fellowships to students in all eight majors
- Expand fellowship opportunities to include creative works and entrepreneurship-focused endeavors in addition to research
- Build on the College's successful model in which CCS scholars and creators are guided by exceptional UCSB faculty.

With support from our dedicated philanthropic investors, over 540 students have received funding to participate in the College's summer undergraduate research fellowship program since 1985. We seek to build on this momentum. Looking into the future, our aim is to secure critical funding to:

- Increase the number of students funded per summer
- Fund students for at least two summers
- Raise the fellowship level to be commensurate with national standards

The combined practice of education and experience results in alumni who go on to shape society and the future.



Why Create?

Because radical curiosity and passion matter.

“There is no single way to a particular career and, often, no way to predict where paths will lead. Rather, **the fearless spirit and sheer persistence that flows from the confidence to pursue a passion**—and a realization that failing does not make one a failure—result in the myriad of success stories.”

Kathy Foltz • Interim Dean • College of Creative Studies

Imagine a society of citizens who radiate radical curiosity and passion.

These people demonstrate the confidence, persistence, and risk-taking necessary to advance knowledge and produce profound creative works. This is the inspiration behind CCS, and **The Create Fund contributes to this vision.**

Join us in supporting radical curiosity and passion.

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