

**OLIVIA LONG CONVERSE GRADUATE FELLOWSHIP****Overview**

The Converse Fellowship supports graduate research on terrestrial plants in Mexico. Fellowships will be granted for field-oriented studies. Both research and research-related travel expenses are appropriate. Awards may be made for one quarter (maximum stipend \$10,834) or for one academic year (maximum stipend \$32,500) and may be received more than once.

**Eligibility**

To be eligible, applicants:

- Must be UCSB graduate student with financial need; domestic students must file the FAFSA.
- Must be registered or on approved Leave of Absence during the Spring quarter of the current academic year
- Must not be beyond time-to-degree standards.
- Must not hold an active multi-year central fellowship package (e.g. students in a departmental appointment year of a multi-year award); must be in academic good standing at the time of application.
- Supportable areas of research are in one or more of the following areas with a strong preference for research in Mexico: systematic, floristic, vegetational, ecological and phytogeographic botany studies.
- Some applications will also be considered for research in botany in other areas; applicants may describe such studies in the project description.
- Activities not suitable for award include travel to increase familiarity with Mexico, photographic excursions and general plant collecting.

**Award Determination**

Awardees will be determined based on applicant's merit, need and appropriate intent of the project. Graduate Division will notify of award status to applicants by May of the current year.

**Support**

This student aid fellowship award provides a stipend for one quarter or for one year plus payment of in-state tuition and UC health insurance. Please note that nonresident supplemental tuition will not be provided. Departments may supplement with any combination of appointments up to an average of 35% time during the academic year. (In these cases, Graduate Student Fee Remission will pay fees/UCSHIP from the salary account.)

**Application Materials**

- This form (2 pages). International students may provide the financial statement (page 2) in lieu of FAFSA information
- Curriculum Vitae (1 page maximum, single-spaced)
- Description of research project (one to two pages, single-spaced)
- Succinctly state your objective and the significance of your research; indicate how the topic fits the eligibility requirements of the fellowship; describe your general and specific interests in biological research; tell why the site is important to the study; give a detailed but brief budget of research costs (may include travel, supplies and minor equipment costs); give a study plan and goals and briefly discuss your qualifications for the study
- One letter of recommendation from the student's faculty mentor

**Applicant's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Perm #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Project Title (or keywords): \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Advancement: \_\_\_\_\_ If not, date expected: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty Mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

Did you submit a FAFSA for the upcoming academic year? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CALCULATION OF UNMET FINANCIAL NEED – INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Perm \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Entered UCSB \_\_\_\_\_  
Quarter Year

Married? ☐ YES ☐ NO Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse in U.S.? ☐ YES ☐ NO Spouse's Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Is spouse a UCSB student? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, list funding from UCSB \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse working? ☐ YES ☐ NO Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Monthly Salary \_\_\_\_\_ Employer's Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

If you have children, are they in the U.S.? ☐ YES ☐ NO

Names and ages \_\_\_\_\_

#### Financial Information

##### Expenses for 2026-27 (based on 2025-26 fees)

Graduate Student Fees	15,450
Nonresident Tuition	15,102
Health Insurance	8,598
Living (rent, food, utilities, phone)	19,704
Books and Supplies	1,518
Personal Expenses	3,360
Transportation	4,188
<b>Subtotal - Expenses</b>	<b>67,920</b>

##### Family/Student Contribution for 2026-27

From Parents, Relatives, Spouse \_\_\_\_\_  
Savings, Investment Income \_\_\_\_\_

**Subtotal - Family/Student Contribution** \_\_\_\_\_

##### Total Unmet Financial Need (Expenses Less Family/Student Contribution)

The information that I have given above is true and correct. If I receive any additional aid, I will contact the Graduate Division.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Faculty mentor: \_\_\_\_\_

So that the fellowship applicant does NOT receive a copy of your recommendation, your letter must be submitted using a separate DocuSign form. To do this please:

- 1) Open the separate DocuSign link below where you will upload your letter, sign and submit.
- 2) Acknowledge that you will submit the letter by signing this form and submit.

I have received a copy of this student's completed application and agree to send a letter of recommendation directly to the Graduate Division using the following link.

Faculty Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_