

Earth and Planetary Sciences Department, UC Santa Cruz
Development Fact Sheet: Earth's Environment Fund
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Purpose: The Earth's Environment Fund supports graduate and undergraduate students in the Earth and Planetary Sciences (EPS) Department at UCSC as they conduct thesis-related research involving topics such as water resources, climate change, and the evolution of landscapes and aquatic systems. Awards from the fund will improve EPS student projects, increase the department's research impact, and provide valuable professional development opportunities for EPS undergraduate majors and graduate students.



History: The Earth's Environment Fund was established to enhance the quality of EPS student research projects that focus on Earth's environment (past, current, and future). The fund was established with a gift from an EPS alumni family who have demonstrated a commitment to better understanding and management of Earth's natural systems, so as to improve prospects for effective stewardship of these resources.

Status: The Earth's Environment Fund was established with a generous *matching* gift. These gift funds are being used to match other donor contributions on a 1:1 basis, allowing us to create a permanent endowment. The Earth's Environment Fund is currently endowed with just under \$35,000, so we can begin making awards next year. •

Long-term Goal: Our long-term goal is to grow the endowment to \$300,000, to generate a return on investment that supports ~\$12,000 in annual research grants. These grants will be awarded on a competitive basis each year to 4 to 6 EPS students.



Our Request: Please contribute to the Earth's Environment Fund and help to support EPS undergraduate and graduate student researchers. You could make a one-time donation or pledge to give annually. In either case your gift will be matched 1:1, *doubling the impact of your generous contribution!*

• The Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at UCSC will update information on the status of the Earth's Environment Fund at the EPS website: <http://eps.ucsc.edu/support-us/eef/>

Please see information on the back of this flyer for detailed information about how to give.
Thank you for your support of Earth and Planetary Sciences at UCSC! •

How to Give to the Earth and Planetary Sciences Department at UCSC

(1) Please Give Online

Please visit the EPS web site for information on current funds/endowments and EPS Department priorities: <http://eps.ucsc.edu/support-us/>

You will find a list of fund/endowment descriptions, and links that will connect you directly to an online form (through the UCSC Online Giving page).

(2) Please Give by Check or Credit Card

Please use the form below to prepare your donation.

(3) Please Call or Email for Information

We are glad to discuss your interest in supporting EPS at UCSC, and to provide information that may be helpful in directing your contribution to be consistent with your interests. Please contact:
Grace Caslavka (Department Manager): 831-459-4478, gcaslavk@ucsc.edu
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(4) Please check with your employer to see if they will match your donation!

Donations made to the EPS Department at UCSC are tax deductible, to the extent permitted by law. Please check with your tax preparer to assess how your donations may be deducted. All donations to the Earth's Environment Research Fund will be added to the endowment, with the vast majority of proceeds generated by the endowment going to EPS students. A fraction of the Earth's Environment Research Fund may be used to defray costs of raising and administering these resources.

----- **Form for Giving to Earth and Planetary Sciences at UCSC** -----

Donor Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Gift amount: \$ _____ Gift designation: _____

Please see listing of gift options at the EPS (<http://eps.ucsc.edu/support-us/>) or call one of the numbers above for more information.

Please attach a check payable to the UC Santa Cruz Foundation (with fund/endowment designation written under "Memo"), or enter credit card information:

Credit Card Type: Visa MC Discover AmEx

Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date (Mo/Yr): _____

Name on Card: _____ Signature: _____

Yes! I want to increase my support with this matching gift.

My company will match my gift (company name): _____

Please mail to: UC Santa Cruz, MS: PBSci Development, 1156 High St., Santa Cruz CA 95064