

Call for Applications

An announcement from the Office of Foundation Relations

Henry and Vera Piatt Fellowship

2021-22

Graduate Studies in STEM Disciplines

The Graduate Division and the Office of Foundation Relations are pleased to invite qualified students to apply for the Henry and Vera Piatt Fellowship. Underwritten by the Capitola-Aptos Rotary Foundation, the Piatt Fellowship will provide a single award of \$15,000 to a graduate of a Santa Cruz County Public High School who is pursuing a graduate degree at UC Santa Cruz in one of the science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) disciplines during the 2021-22 academic year.

Criteria for Applicants

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a US citizen.
- A graduate of a public high school in Santa Cruz County and possessing a Baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university.
- Pursuing a Ph.D. in the science, math, technology or mathematics (STEM) disciplines. If no suitable Ph.D. candidate can be found, then a second-year Masters student is acceptable.
- Student recipient must be in good standing and in successful pursuit of his/her graduate degree. Ranked priority for qualified recipients shall be a student who is:
 1. In the final stages of his/her graduate degree, i.e., conducting original research and preparing his/her dissertation,
 2. Has passed oral exams and is advanced to candidacy,
 3. A second or third year student, or
 4. A student entering a graduate program in the appropriate disciplines at UCSC.

Application Requirements

Please send the following materials in *electronic format (PDFs or scanned documents)* to Quentin Williams, vpdgs@ucsc.edu and to Almut Wolf (awolf2@ucsc.edu)

by 5:00pm, May 3, 2021:

1. Completed Piatt Fellowship Application/Information Sheet form.
2. A letter of recommendation from the department chair, faculty advisor, or faculty sponsor that describes the student's academic merit and how the student will benefit from the award.
3. Unofficial Transcripts
4. **(Optional)** Relevant material that would assist with the selection process - in the past this has included visual aids (charts, diagrams, formulas), research results, published articles/reports – **Please limit optional material to 10 single spaced pages.**

Please note: The selected student is required to attend at least 1-2 meetings of the Capitola Aptos Rotary Club. Typically, the first is in the fall where the recipient will be officially presented with the award and meet the benefactors, and second, later in the year, the Piatt Fellow will give a presentation to the Capitola-Aptos Rotary Club on their research supported by this award.

Selection Process and Distribution of Funds

The Graduate Division will convene a committee of faculty members from STEM disciplines to select the Piatt Fellowship awardee in early May 2021.

Piatt Fellowship funds will be awarded for the 2021-22 academic year and can be used for all costs related to successful pursuit of the graduate degree, including but not limited to fees, tuition, research, equipment, childcare or living expenses, etc. The Piatt Fellow will receive his/her award prior to the beginning of the 2021-22 academic year.

Questions

Please contact:

- Quentin Williams, Interim Vice Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, or vpdgs@ucsc.edu
- Almut Wolf, Special Projects Assistant, FR, 831-459-2902 or awolf2@ucsc.edu