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Dear Katie,

Congratulations! On behalf of Graduate Studies and the Ecology Graduate Group, I am pleased to offer you a UC Davis Dissertation Year Fellowship for academic year 2023-2024. This fellowship supports promising doctoral students in their final year of graduate study. Please read this award letter carefully, and follow the instructions.

The details of your award are as follows:

<b>Stipend</b> (Summer 2023 – Spring 2024)	\$32,400.00*
<b>Full Graduate Student Tuition and Fees</b> (includes UC Student Health Insurance Plan fees)	\$20,000.00**
<b>Research Allowance</b>	\$500.00***
<b>Travel Allowance</b>	\$500.00***
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF AWARD</b> (approximation)	<b>\$53,400.00</b>

\* paid directly to you

\*\*estimated – automatically paid directly to the university on your behalf

\*\*\*transferred to your home department after budget proposals are submitted and approved

***This fellowship is not contingent on employment or expectation of service to the University, and the amount listed above is determined exclusively by Graduate Studies.***

Your stipend will be paid monthly in installments through the Student Accounting Office, 2100 Dutton Hall, beginning August 1, 2023, and ending July 1, 2024. Please note that stipends are paid a month in arrears. Actual disbursement dates are [available here](#). Information about Direct Deposit may be found [here](#). We recommend that every eligible graduate student file a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#).

The current estimated Tuition & Fee amount for 2023-24 is \$20,000.00. Because student Tuition & Fees are subject to gubernatorial, legislative and Regental action, adjustments will be made to your award for actual Tuition & Fee amounts. Your billing statement will automatically reflect a credit for full Graduate Student Tuition & Fees.

Also included in your Tuition & Fee fellowship is the charge for mandatory health insurance – UC Student Health Insurance Plan (UC SHIP). A waiver of this requirement may be granted to those students who provide proof of comparable coverage. Students must apply for a UC SHIP waiver by the deadline. More information about UC SHIP can be found at [UC Davis Student Health and Counseling Services](#). If you opt out of UC SHIP, it is your responsibility to notify Graduate Studies as soon as possible so we can adjust your Tuition & Fee fellowship. The amount of your Tuition & Fee fellowship cannot exceed the amount you are charged. If a refund is made to you in error, the over-award must be repaid.

Please note that fellowships do not disburse until you enroll in classes. Continued eligibility for this fellowship depends on your maintaining satisfactory academic progress and maintaining a minimum GPA. Consult with the staff member listed at the end of this award letter as soon as possible if you are offered any other funding as it could affect this award. For a complete list of general fellowship regulations and for tax information please refer to the *Regulations for Graduate Students Receiving Fellowships* (see link below).

The purpose of the UC Davis Dissertation Year Fellowship is to enable you to devote full-time to the completion of your dissertation. **Therefore, please note: You are not permitted to hold employment during the tenure of the fellowship.**

If you accept this fellowship, you will be required to present two seminars on your dissertation research during the fellowship year. One of the research presentations must be at UC Davis, the second either at another University of California, California State University campus, or an independent California university. A travel allowance is available to you in the amount of \$500.00, to cover the cost of travel for your required research presentations. A research allowance of \$500.00 is also available to you. The research allowance is for your research supplies (please see the attached *Regulations for Graduate Students Receiving Fellowships* for allowable research and travel

expenses). The travel and research allowances will be available for your use starting July 1, 2023.

To receive your research and travel allowances you must submit a detailed budget proposal to Graduate Studies (please see linked form to complete for your research and travel budget proposals) **after July 1, 2023 and before May 1, 2024**. Once your budget proposals have been approved, funds will be transferred to your home department for your use. If during the year it becomes apparent that not all of the award will be utilized, please advise Graduate Studies as soon as possible. Unexpended funds do not carry forward from one fiscal year to another.

Please accept or decline this fellowship by replying to the fellowship decision form which will be delivered via your Slate Account. If you have any questions, please contact your Internal Fellowship Analyst, Lauren McDiarmid ([lhmcdiarmid@ucdavis.edu](mailto:lhmcdiarmid@ucdavis.edu)). Please be sure to keep a copy for your records. If we do not receive any communication from you by **May 15, 2023** we reserve the right to interpret your failure to respond as a declination and this financial offer will be withdrawn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven J. Albrecht".

Steven J. Albrecht

Director, Graduate Student Financial Support

Enclosures:

[\*Regulations for Graduate Students Receiving Fellowships\*](#)

[\*UC Davis Dissertation Year Research and Travel Budget Proposal Form\*](#)

cc: Angie Nguyen, Ecology Graduate Group

If you **accept** this fellowship, your initials on your Slate Fellowship Reply Form also serves as verification that you have read and accept the terms of the *Regulations for Graduate Students Fellowships* (see link above). ***Please be sure to return to your SLATE account status page to accept or decline the Dissertation Year Fellowship for the 2022-2023 academic year by submitting the Fellowship Reply form.***