Future Leaders in Coastal Science Award
Call for Applications, Fall 2017

With generous donor support, the Division of Physical and Biological Sciences at UC Santa Cruz is pleased to announce our second annual Future Leader in Coastal Science Award. This program supports graduate and undergraduate student research on the coastal zone (both land and sea), including studies of natural and human-impacted systems. Supervised by a faculty member or researcher, each team will be led by a graduate student who will mentor two undergraduate students working on the project. The selected teams must tackle important problems, and their work must be well planned and integrated across the team members, with a clear explanation of what each member brings to the project.

Award Amounts
Three awards of ~$20,000 will be made this year

How the Funds May Be Used
Teams may use their award for any purpose associated with conducting or presenting the results of their research, such as travel, supplies, GSR support for the graduate student, or summer stipends that provide living expenses so students can conduct their work. Funds must be used by December 31, 2018.

Eligibility
The graduate and undergraduate students will most likely be earning a degree in the Division of Physical and Biological Sciences, the Division of Social Sciences, or the Baskin School of Engineering. All UC Santa Cruz undergraduates proposing to conduct coastal research are eligible to apply, with the exception of seniors who will graduate fall quarter 2017 or winter or spring quarter 2018.

Selection Criteria
The importance of the problem being addressed and the clarity of the proposal will be the primary criteria for selection. The qualifications of the team members (e.g., prior experience, relevant course work), the mentoring plan provided by the supervisor and graduate student, and any additional support to amplify the impact of the research will also be considered.

Selection Process
Recipients will be chosen by a faculty committee appointed by Dean of Physical and Biological Sciences.

Application Procedure
To apply for the Future Leader In Coastal Science Award please view the application criteria page as well as fill out the Budget and Justification document.

Completed applications and faculty reference letter should be emailed to pbsanalyst@ucsc.edu. Proposal applications and reference letters must be submitted no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, December 15, 2017.

Award Decisions and Requirements
Decisions will be announced on Friday, January 26, 2018. The successful teams will be required to attend and make a presentation at an event celebrating student research later in the 2017-18 academic year.