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A huge opportunity for conservation is to better harness the passion, creativity and values of an increasingly diverse society. To address the challenge of the diversity gap in conservation and to serve up-and-coming leaders in the field, 2001 Smith Fellow Erika Zavaleta and Dr. Justin Cummings have initiated the Doris Duke Conservation Scholars Program at the University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC).

The Program, funded by the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, will provide two paid summers of training and internship to early-career undergraduates with potential to diversify the field, from any U.S.

four-year institution. Current freshmen and sophomores can apply to the program until February 15, 2016 at

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and faculty and staff can nominate students directly.

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