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**Subject:** 2017-2019 UCLA La Kretz Center Postdoctoral Fellowship Call for Applications.

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The UCLA La Kretz Center for California Conservation Science

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Fellowship. Consistent with our mission, we seek one or more postdoctoral scholars who conduct innovative research that interfaces with the conservation and management agencies that direct and lead California conservation. Our emphasis is on biological conservation, and the successful candidate(s) could work in any discipline that provides the scientific research critical to the preservation, protection, management, or restoration of at-risk species, environments, or ecological communities in California. We will consider candidates who have completed their PhD, or will have completed it by August 2017. We envision hiring at least one Fellow each year, building a team of conservation scientists with a passion for California and its biodiversity.

The La Kretz Fellowship is for two years, subject to review after the first year. Our expected start date is late summer, 2017. The successful applicant will be expected to identify and work with at least one UCLA faculty member La Kretz affiliate

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A requirement of the La Kretz Postdoctoral program is that candidates identify both a UCLA faculty mentor and an off-campus mentor. Our goal is to fund the most creative and innovative science that is of greatest interest both to our faculty and the applied conservation community. Several of our partner agencies have expressed particular interest in a series of high-priority projects, including some with potential co-funding. This list is neither comprehensive nor representative of projects that stand the highest chance of successful support. Rather, it provides one set of projects with strong interest from our partners and could form a starting point for developing collaborative projects. See attached list or visit our website at [https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A\\_\\_www.ioes.ucla.edu\\_lakretz\\_our-2D&d=CwIF-g&c=Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxhcqsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA\\_2Wlc4&r=e2OJ1azRFn8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfeeaTyN59ZLoI&m=L4AGNW2chXsgqe4-Ec8-axXGXvDb5ulftU6Sstqe6L8&s=1Wdh9DuL6AGF0xXE1G0JYNpdEptOX8LtZjDPfWI-pKo&e=](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.ioes.ucla.edu_lakretz_our-2D&d=CwIF-g&c=Ngd-ta5yRYsqeUsEDgxhcqsYYY1Xs5ogLxWPA_2Wlc4&r=e2OJ1azRFn8ihJzb2HxZT0AqoiqLvxfeeaTyN59ZLoI&m=L4AGNW2chXsgqe4-Ec8-axXGXvDb5ulftU6Sstqe6L8&s=1Wdh9DuL6AGF0xXE1G0JYNpdEptOX8LtZjDPfWI-pKo&e=) work/fellowships/ for our La Kretz Center Partner Collaborative Projects & Funding list.

Several of our partners have expressed interest in co-sponsoring a La Kretz Center fellow, including possible co-funding opportunities, including:

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Interested candidates should submit 1) cover letter, 2) CV, 3) short 1-2-page description of their research and management accomplishments, 4) 2-page proposal describing their proposed research including potential faculty and agency mentors (single spaced, 2 page limit includes figures but not references), and 5) copies of two research publications, all as a single PDF file to Mario Colon, Administrative Assistant, at [mario.colon@ucla.edu](mailto:mario.colon@ucla.edu). You should also have three letters of recommendation, including one from your Ph.D. advisor, sent under separate emails with the subject line "La Kretz Postdoc letter for XXX (your last name)". The deadline for completed applications is 20 November 2016. E-mail questions to Mario or to Brad Shaffer (Director of the La Kretz Center) at [brad.shaffer@ucla.edu](mailto:brad.shaffer@ucla.edu).