

## **Internship Opportunities at UC Santa Cruz Fort Ord Natural Reserve**

### **Marina, Ca**

Activities and opportunities for undergraduate students take place year round at the reserve, with specific opportunities that change throughout the year based of reserve and staff needs. Activities may include, but are not limited to:

- **Bird Banding**
- **Field Trip Facilitator/Reserve Docent**
- **Wildlife Camera Trapping Studies**
- **Vegetation Surveys**
- **Ecological Restoration**
- **Land Stewardship**
- **K-12 Outdoor Education/Experiential learning projects**
- **We would also love to hear your ideas for a specific project!**

Interested undergraduates may send an application in the form of an email stating which activities they are interested in, relevant coursework, internships, and a brief summary of your interest in the work. Please include a copy of your class schedule and availability. Availability and previous experience determine selection. The internships require transportation to UCSC Fort Ord Natural Reserve in Marina, Ca. which is about 45 minutes - 1 hour drive from UCSC Campus. All UCSC Fort Ord Natural Reserve internships require teamwork and communication. There is potential for exposure to poison oak, snakes, weather, and insects.

### **Additional Opportunities for independent research and thesis projects:**

Below is a partial list of potential independent undergraduate research topics at UCSC Fort Ord Natural Reserve, under the mentorship of Professor Laurel Fox, who has been responsible for much of the long term ecology research at the reserve. Students who work on research at UCSC FONR can be assisted by FONR staff and interns throughout their projects, if needed. Topics of interest include: Deer, ants, plant-animal interactions (rabbits, woodrats, etc), grasses, annual plants, shrubs, mosses, pollination, pre-dispersal seed predation, nitrogen fixation, stand and individual plant ageing, as well as fire and other disturbances. If you are interested in any of these or similar, please contact Field Manager Joe Miller [joemiller@ucsc.edu](mailto:joemiller@ucsc.edu) and Professor Laurel Fox [fox@ucsc.edu](mailto:fox@ucsc.edu) for a more detailed list of potential projects. Express which topics you may be interested. Include details about your current educational goals and any relevant experience you may have.