Balsells Fellowship Programs

Balsells Foundation—University of California—University of Colorado—Generalitat de Catalunya



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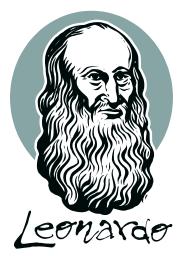
What to do after graduation?

Get a job





 Learn more, become an expert and leader in your field



Why Graduate School in the USA?

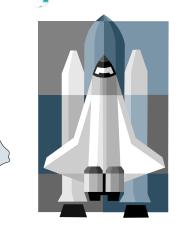
Opportunity to travel

 Learn more, better yourself, and benefit society

Live abroad

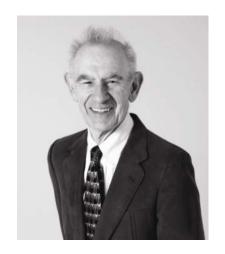
Expand your career options

Achieve competitive positions and salaries



Why the Balsells Fellowship Program?

- Tailored for students from Catalonia
- Financial support available:



Pete Balsells









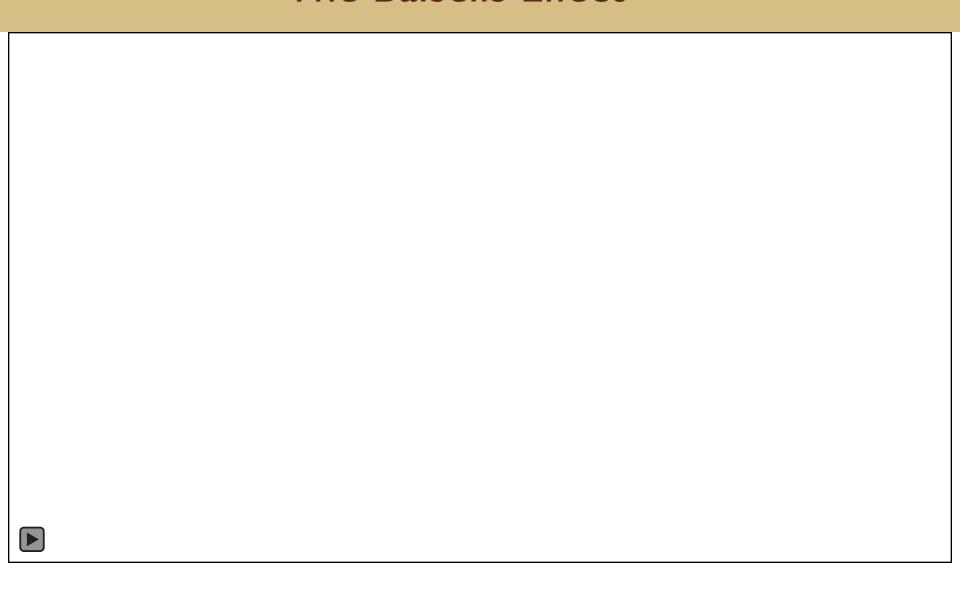


Peter J. Balsells

- Born in Barcelona in 1928
- Moved to United States at age 18
- Graduated from CU Boulder in 1952
 - B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering
- Started Bal Seal Engineering Company in California in 1958 with his wife, Joan
 - Located near Irvine, California, and Colorado Springs,
 Colorado, the company today employs over 500 people
- Started the Balsells Fellowship Program at UCI in 1996
- Started the Balsells Graduate Fellowship Program at CU Boulder in 2010; at UCCS in 2013; and at UCD in 2015
- Received the Francesc Macia Medal in 2003
- Awarded the Creu de Sant Jordi in 2013
- Honorary doctorates from CU Boulder (2014) and UdG (2016)



The Balsells Effect



Balsells Fellowship Program

Balsells Mobility Program

Short-term visits of 4-6 months to the U.S. to carry out final project for Bachelor's or Master's degree and to explore possibility of returning to the U.S. for a Master's and/or PhD.

Balsells Graduate Fellowship

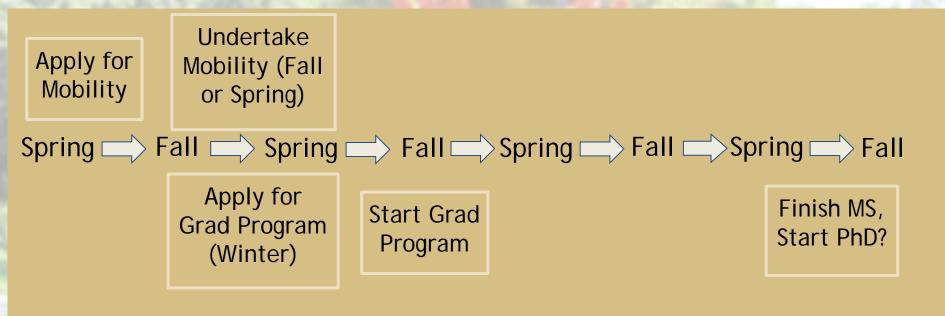
Long-term visits of 1.5 - 5 years to the U.S. to obtain Master's degree (1.5 - 2 years) and/or PhD degree (4 – 5 years) from a U.S. university.

Balsells Postdoctoral Fellowship (UC Irvine)

One-year visit for PhD holders to conduct research at UC Irvine under the guidance of a faculty member.

Balsells Mobility and Graduate Programs

Mobility: Short-term visit of 4-6 months to U.S. to do final project for Catalan undergraduate or Master's degree, and to explore possibility of returning to the U.S. for M.S. and/or Ph.D.



Graduate Fellowship: Long-term visit of 2-5 years to U.S. to obtain M.S. degree (1.5-2 years) and/or PhD degree (4-5 years) from U.S. university

Balsells Fellowships 1996-2018

UC Irvine

132 MS and PhD fellows
13 post-doctoral fellows
64 mobility fellows

UCCS

25 MS and PhD fellows 31 mobility fellows

CU Boulder

47 MS and PhD fellows
45 mobility fellows

UC Davis

3 MS fellows
2 mobility fellows

Catalan Universities: UAB, UB, UdG, UdL, UPC, UPF, URL, URV

From Catalonia to California and Colorado



Irvine - Orange County - Southern California



University of California, Irvine Snapshot



- www.uci.edu
- 36,000 students
- 15 schools and programs
- 3,100 teaching faculty members
- 7th among all U.S. public universities (USNews&WR 2019)
- 3 Nobel prizes











Henry Samueli School of Engineering



3,600 Undergraduates
1,000 Graduate students
150 Faculty Members

Five Departments:

www.eng.uci.edu

- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering & Materials Science
- Civil & Environmental Engineering
- Electrical Engineering & Computer Science
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

Boulder, Colorado



University of Colorado Boulder



- Balsells Graduate Fellowship Program started 2010
- Special strengths in aerospace, bioengineering chemical, civil, computer, electrical/telecom, materials and mechanical engineering

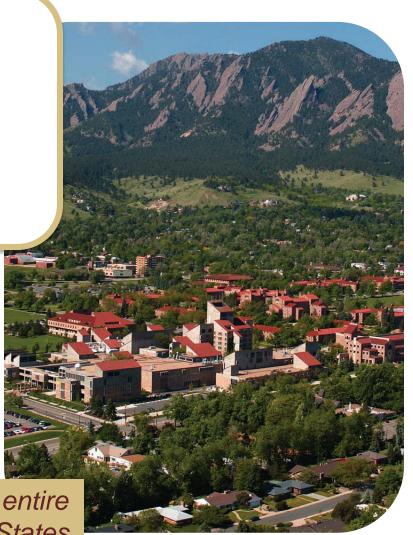
College of Engineering and Applied Science

9 Departments/Programs

Aerospace Engineering Sciences
Alliance for Technology, Learning and Society
Chemical and Biological Engineering
Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical, Computer, and Energy Engineering
Interdisciplinary Telecommunications
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

4,850 undergraduates1,960 graduate students370 faculty membersengineering.colorado.edu

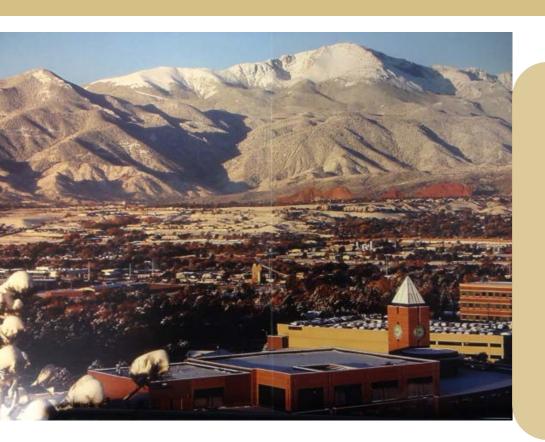
Top-ranked engineering school in the entire Rocky Mountain region of the United States



Colorado Springs, Colorado



University of Colorado / Colorado Springs



- Founded 1965
- 12,000 students
- 6th among Western regional public universities (2018) USN&WR
- 6 Schools & Colleges
- Balsells Graduate Fellowship Program
- Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering, cutting-edge applied research in the College of Engineering and Applied Science

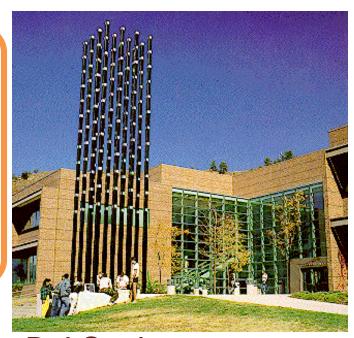
College of Engineering and Applied Science

3 Departments

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

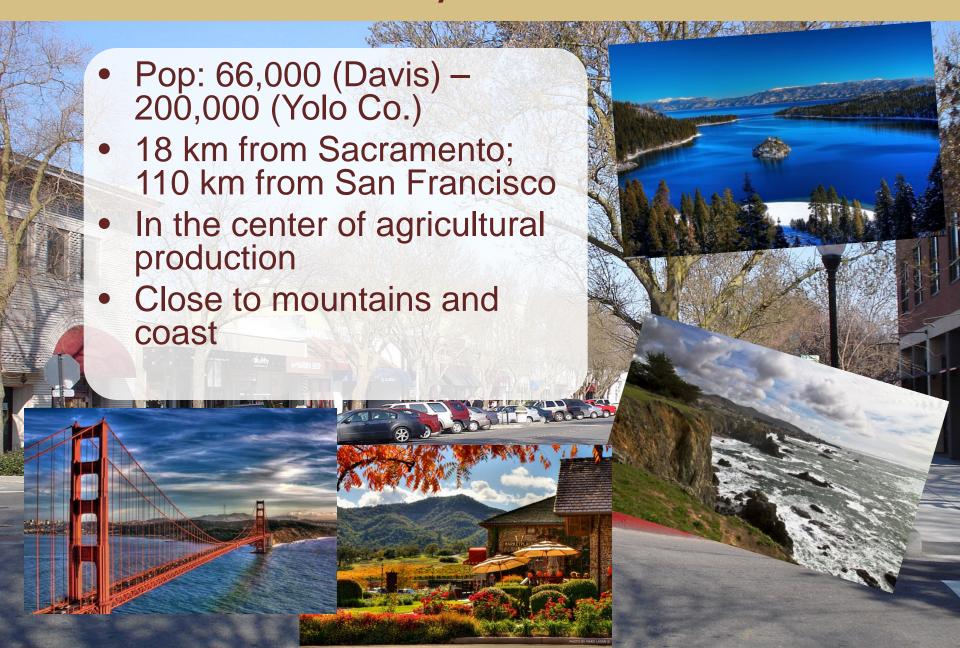
Computer Science



Local connections to industry, including Bal Seal Engineering R&D Facility.

Personal attention by faculty on research projects www.uccs.edu/eas

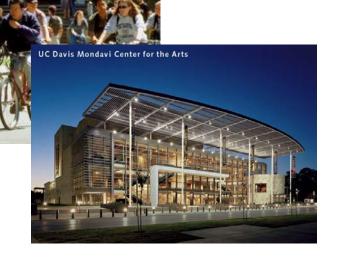
Davis – Yolo County – Northern California



University of California, Davis Snapshot



- www.ucdavis.edu
- 37,400 students
- 104 undergraduate majors
- 96 graduate programs
- 10,200+ degrees awarded annually
- Top 10 US public university
- #2 Ranking University in the World for Research and Teaching in Agricultural Sciences

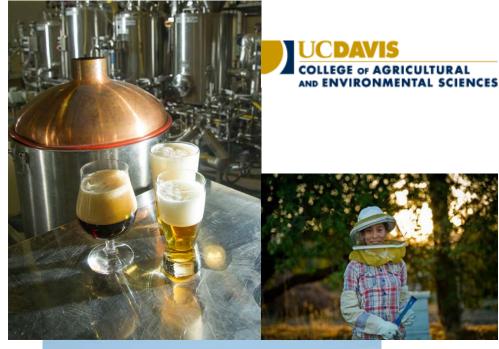




UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

- 15 academic departments
- Centers and Institutes many
- People
 - 381+ faculty / 800 staff
 - >7,300 undergraduate students
 - 1,100+ graduate students
- 5,000 acres on campus
 - 3,700 acres for Agricultural research and teaching
 - Classrooms / Laboratories
 - Greenhouses / Growth chambers

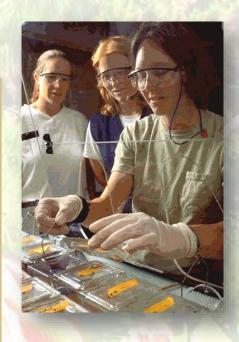






Balsells Mobility Program

- Undergraduates or master's students from Catalonia
- Undertake final project or master's thesis typically for one term (4-6 months) at UC Irvine, CU Boulder, UCCS, or UC Davis
- UC Irvine: balsells.eng.uci.edu
- CU Boulder: www.colorado.edu/engineering-international/balsells
- UCCS: https://www.uccs.edu/balsellseng/mobility-program
- UC Davis: Associate Dean Susan Ebler at <u>seebler@ucdavis.edu</u>
- Transportation and partial living expenses provided (approximately \$1,000 per month)
- Great way to explore returning for graduate study!





How to Apply for the Mobility Program

Students interested in the Balsells Mobility Program should:

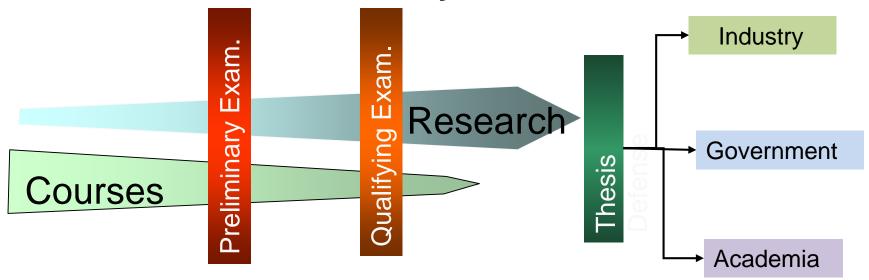
- Be interested in future Master's or PhD study in the USA and intend to apply for the Balsells Graduate Program
- Have a strong academic record and at least intermediate English proficiency
- Provide letter of interest, curriculum vita, and academic transcript (all in English) to:
 - UC Irvine: Balsells Fellowship Program at balsells@uci.edu
 - CU Boulder: Mr. Andrew Wingfield at <u>andrew.wingfield@colorado.edu</u>
 - UCCS Colorado Springs: Mr. Christopher Nelson at <u>balsells@uccs.edu</u>
 - UC Davis: Associate Dean Susan Ebler at seebler@ucdavis.edu

Graduate Programs

Master's: 1.5 – 2 years with thesis



Ph.D.: 4-5 years total



Balsells Graduate Fellowship

The Fellowship includes:

- Monthly stipend: \$1,700-2,250 per month
- Tuition, Fees & Insurance: \$27,000-36,000 per year
- Travel stipend: \$1,500 per year
- Total value: \$45,000-62,000 per year
- Fellowship available for up to 2 years
- Research & teaching assistantships available starting 3rd year of PhD
- 15 to 20 new fellowships each year

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Engineering (UC Irvine)

- Monthly stipend: \$4,150 per month
- Health Insurance: \$10,000-25,000 per year
- Travel stipend: \$1,500 per year
- Total value: \$75,000 per year
- 2 Fellowships each year

Balsells Eligibility



Timeline for Graduate (MS/PhD) application

For students currently in 4th year

What	When
This presentation	Sep 2018
Take GRE and TOEFL or IELTS exams	Nov/Dec 2018
Complete graduate application	Dec 2018 / Jan 2019
Admissions decision by the university	Feb/Mar 2019
Admitted students apply for Balsells Fellowship	Mar 2019
Decisions on Balsells Fellowships announced	Apr 2019
Fall term of graduate school starts	Aug/Sep 2019

Timeline for Mobility and Graduate application

For students currently in 3rd year

What	When
This presentation	Sep 2018
Apply for Mobility	Feb 2019
Start Mobility	Fall 2019 or Spring 2020
Take GRE and TOEFL or IELTS exams	Dec 2019
Complete graduate application	Dec 2019 / Jan 2020
Admissions decision by the university	Feb/Mar 2020
Admitted students apply for Balsells Fellowship	Mar 2020
Decisions on Balsells Fellowships announced	Apr 2020
Fall term of graduate school starts	Aug/Sep 2020

Admissions—How To

Requirements for admission to any of the Master's Programs:

- Undergraduate transcripts (original and English translation)
- GRE Scores
- TOEFL/IELTS Scores
- 3 Letters of Recommendation
 - Highlighting your potential for performing independent, thoughtful research, and ability to think beyond formal course assignments
- Candidate statement (Statement of Purpose)
 - How you prepared for the graduate degree (courses, experiences)
 - Interests and career goals (why you want to pursue this degree)
 - Fit (why you are a good match for the program)
 - Your personal history that helped you decide to pursue this degree

Admissions—How To for UC Davis

Courswork requirements for admission differ for each of the Masters graduate programs:

Food Science & Technology M.S.

http://foodscience.ucdavis.edu/graduate/courseprep.html

(BS in Physical Science, Biological Science, or Engineering)

Biological Systems Engineering M.S.:

http://bae.engineering.ucdavis.edu/graduate/admission-requirements/

(coursework in math, physics, chemistry, and engineering)

Viticulture & Enology M.S.:

http://vengg.ucdavis.edu/admissions/academic-preparation

(coursework in biology, chemistry, biochemistry, economics, math, microbiology, plant science, statistics, and industry experience)

Balsells Website for UC Davis: http://balsells.ucdavis.edu

Balsells Fellowship: Application and Exam Websites

Information on GRE, TOEFL & IELTS exams: www.gre.org, www.toefl.org, www.ielts.org

Information on applying to UC Irvine: http://www.grad.uci.edu/admissions/applying-to-uci/

Information on applying to CU Boulder: http://www.colorado.edu/admissions/graduate/international

Information on applying to UCCS: https://www.uccs.edu/balsellseng/graduate-fellowship

Information on applying to UC Davis: http://balsells.ucdavis.edu

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