# Balsells Fellowship Programs

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



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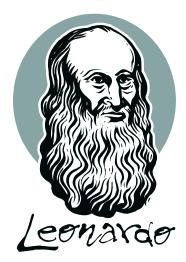
#### What to do after graduation?



Get a job



 Learn more, become an expert and leader in your field



#### Why Graduate School in the USA?

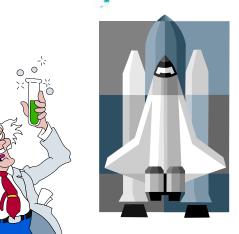
Opportunity to travel

 Learn more, better yourself, and benefit society

Live abroad

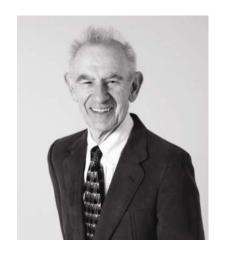
Expand your career options

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

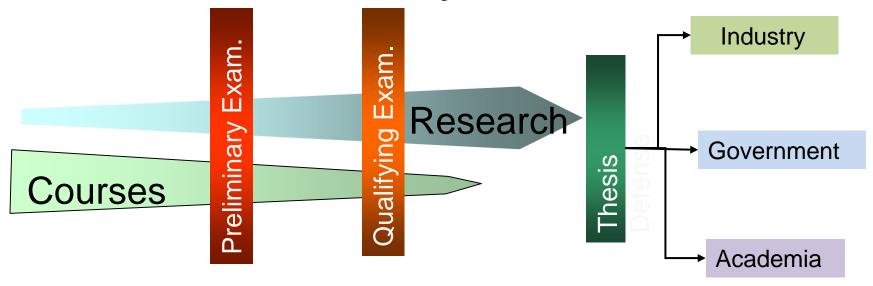
The Balsells Effect link to video

### Graduate Programs

#### Master's: 1.5 – 2 years with thesis



Ph.D.: 4-5 years total



#### From Catalonia to California and Colorado



### Irvine - Orange County - Southern California



### University of California, Irvine Snapshot



- www.uci.edu
- 31,500 students
- 14 schools and programs
- 3,000 teaching faculty members
- 9<sup>th</sup> among all U.S. public universities (USNWR)
- 3 Nobel prizes











## Henry Samueli School of Engineering



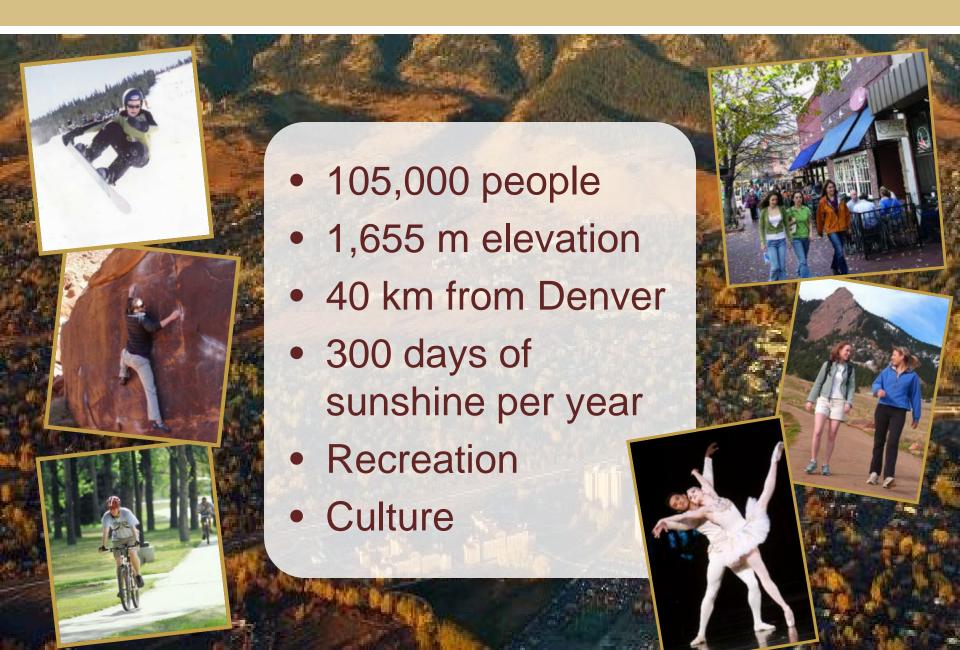
3,232 Undergraduates
1,042 Graduate students
150 Faculty Members

#### **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

#### 8 Departments/Programs

Aerospace Engineering Sciences
Chemical and Biological Engineering
Civil, Environmental, and Architectural Engineering
Computer Science
Electrical, Computer, and Energy Engineering
Interdisciplinary Telecommunications
Materials Science and Engineering
Mechanical Engineering

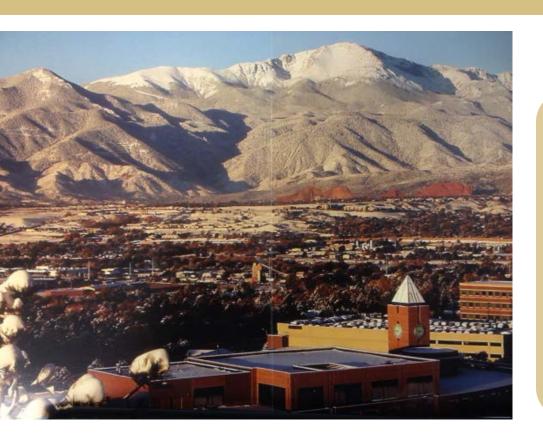
4,650 undergraduates1,900 graduate students300 faculty membersengineering.colorado.edu

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
- 9<sup>th</sup> among Western regional public universities (2017)
- 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

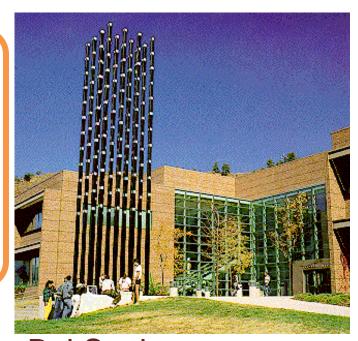
### College of Engineering and Applied Science

#### 3 Departments

**Electrical & Computer Engineering** 

Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

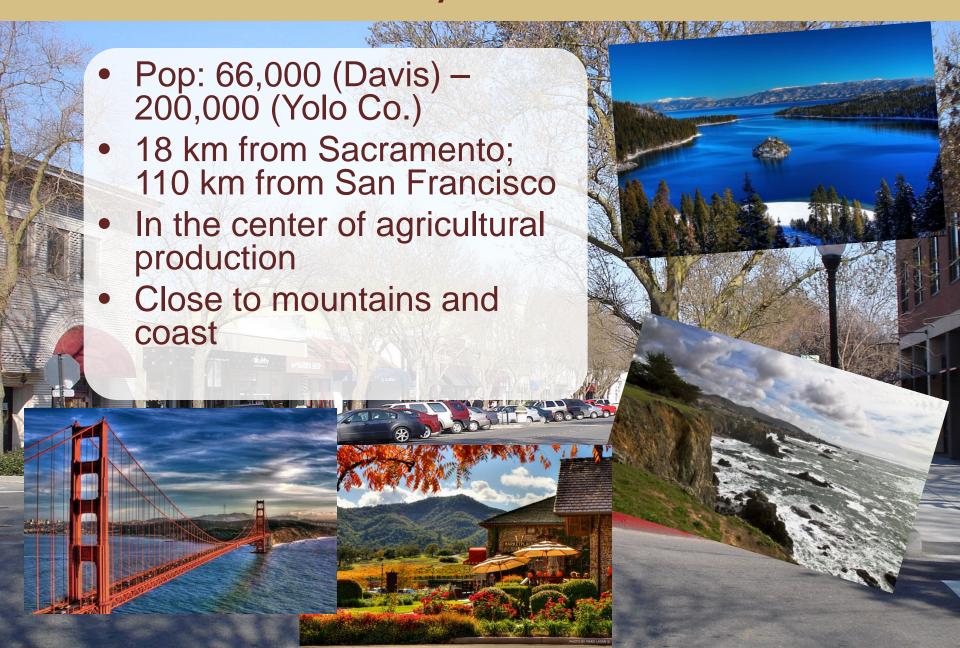
Computer Science



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

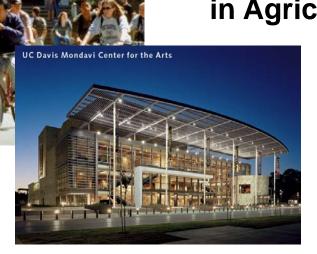


#### University of California, Davis Snapshot



- www.ucdavis.edu
- 35,400 students
- 104 undergraduate majors
- 96 graduate programs
- 9,500+ degrees awarded annually

 #1 Ranking University in the World for Research and Teaching in Agriculture





## UC Davis College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

- 15 academic departments
- Centers and Institutes many
- People
  - 360+ faculty / 800 staff
  - 6,635 undergraduate students
  - 1,000+ graduate students
- 5,000 acres on campus
  - 3,700 acres for ag. research and teaching
  - Classrooms / Laboratories
  - Greenhouses / Growth chambers







#### Balsells Graduate Fellowship

#### The Fellowship includes:

- Monthly stipend: \$1,600-2,050 per month
- Tuition, Fees & Insurance: \$27,000-36,000 per year
- Travel payment: \$1,500 per year
- Total value: \$45,000-60,000 per year
- Fellowship available for up to 2 years
- Research & teaching assistantships available after 2 years for students continuing to the PhD
- 15 to 20 new fellowships each year

#### U.C. Irvine also offers Postdoctoral Fellowships in Engineering

- Yearly stipend: \$45,000
- Total value: \$69,000
- 2 Fellowships each year

## Balsells Eligibility



### Balsells Fellowships 1996-2016

#### 129 Fellows at UC Irvine

116 MS and PhD fellows
13 Post-doctoral fellows

#### **UPC**

ETSEIB
ETSETB
ETSECCPB
EUETIB (EEBE)
EUETIT
ETSEIAT
FIB
FME

URV ETSEQ FE

## 36 Fellows at CU Boulder 36 MS and PhD fellows

15 Fellows at UCCS

14 MS and 1 MS/PhD

**UB** 

**Phys and Chem** 

**URL** 

IQS La Salle

UdL

UdG EPS

**UAB** 

Chem Eng Comp Sci Telecom

**UPF** 

#### Timeline for Applications

Take GRE and TOEFL or IELTS exams

Complete application to the university

Admissions decision by the university

Admitted students apply for Balsells Fellowship

Decisions on Balsells Fellowships announced

Fall term starts

UCI/UCD CUB/UCCS

Nov/Dec Nov/Dec

Dec/Jan Dec/Jan

March Feb/March

March/April March

May April/May

Sept Aug

Information on GRE, TOEFL & IELTS exams: <a href="https://www.gre.org">www.gre.org</a>, <a href="https://www.ielts.org">www.ielts.org</a>

Information on applying to UC Irvine: <a href="http://www.grad.uci.edu/admissions/applying-to-uci/">http://www.grad.uci.edu/admissions/applying-to-uci/</a>

Information on applying to CU Boulder: <a href="http://www.colorado.edu/admissions/graduate/international">http://www.colorado.edu/admissions/graduate/international</a>

Information on applying to UCCS http://www.uccs.edu/eas/academics/balsells.html

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#### Balsells Mobility Program

## **Balsells International Mobility Program**

- Undergraduates or master's students from Catalonia
- Undertake final project or master's thesis typically for one semester (4-6 months) at UC Irvine, CU Boulder or UCCS
- UC Irvine: <u>balsells.eng.uci.edu</u>
- CU-Boulder: colorado.edu/engineering/balsells
- UCCS: www.uccs.edu/eas/academics/balsellsmobility.html
- UC Davis: Associate Dean Susan Ebler at seebler@ucdavis.edu
- Transportation and partial living expenses provided



### 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 <u>balsells@uci.edu</u>
  - 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 <a href="mailto:seebler@ucdavis.edu">seebler@ucdavis.edu</a>

**Questions?**