# 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?

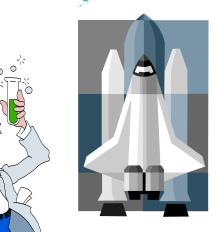
Opportunity to travel

 Learn more, better yourself, and benefit society

Live abroad

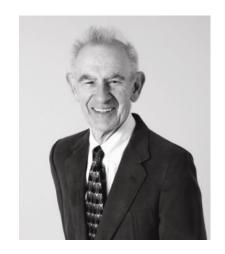
Expand your career options

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 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 the University of California, Irvine in 1996
- Started the Balsells Graduate Fellowship Program at University of Colorado Boulder in 2010; at Univ. of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS) in 2013; and at UC Davis in 2015
- Received the Francesc Macia Medal in 2003
- Awarded the Creu de Sant Jordi in 2013

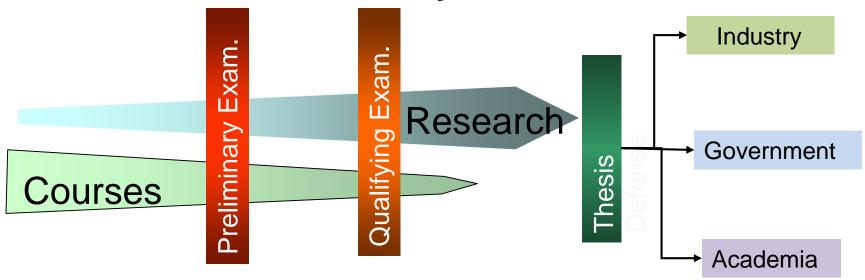


### Graduate Programs

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



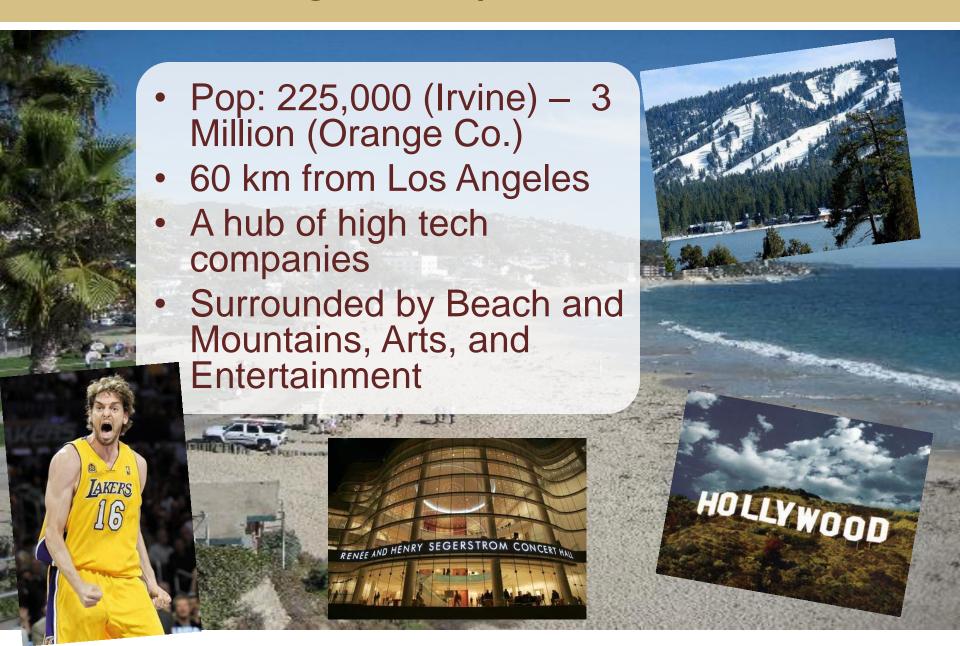
Ph.D.: 4-5 years total



#### From Catalonia to California and Colorado



### Irvine - Orange County - Southern California



### University of California, Irvine Snapshot



- www.uci.edu
- 30,700 students
- 14 schools and programs
- 2,900 teaching faculty members
- 8,100 degrees awarded annually
- 3 Nobel prizes











## Henry Samueli School of Engineering



3,400 Undergraduates 1,025 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

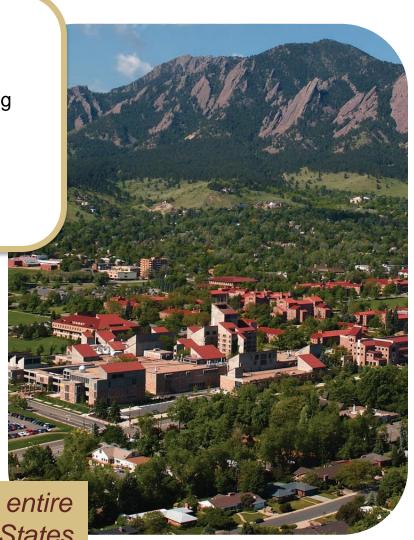
#### College of Engineering and Applied Science

#### 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

4,250 undergraduates1,800 graduate students280 faculty membersengineering.colorado.edu

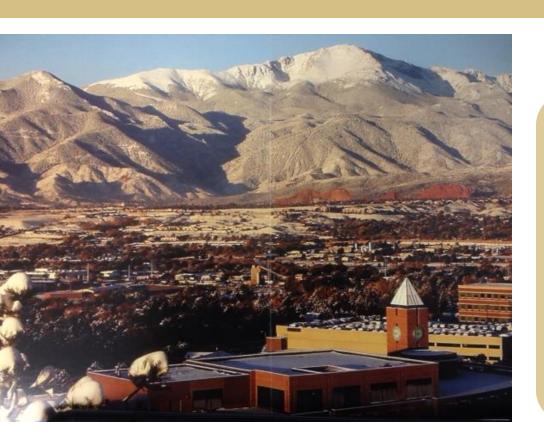
Top-ranked engineering school in the entire Rocky Mountain region of the United States



## Colorado Springs, Colorado



## University of Colorado Colorado Springs



- Founded 1965
- 11,000 students
- 13<sup>th</sup> among Western regional public universities
- 6 schools & colleges

- Balsells Graduate Fellowship Program
- In 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

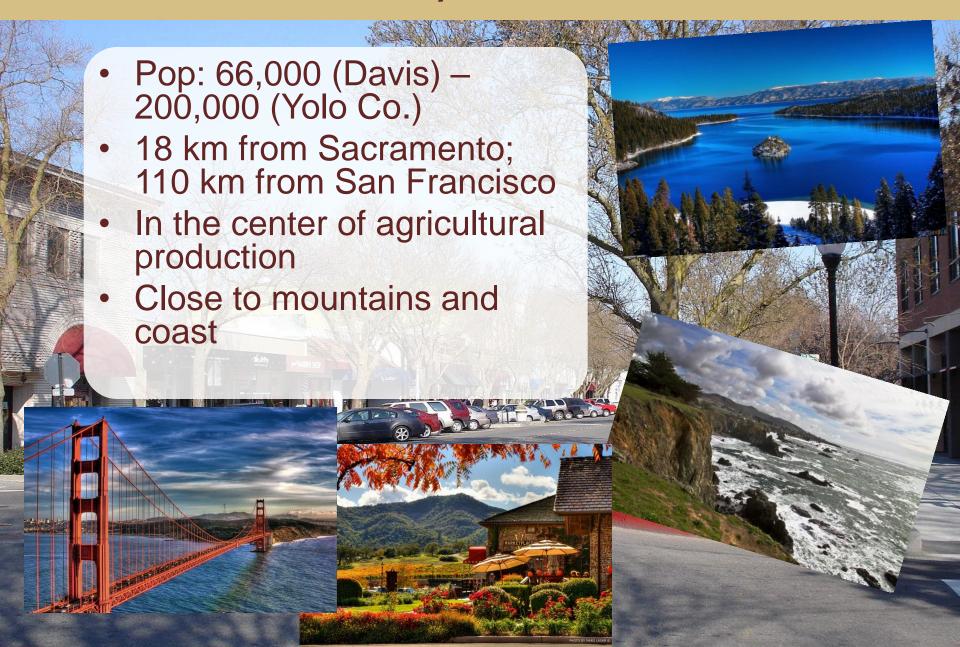
Engineering R&D Facility.

Personal attention by faculty on research projects

www.uccs.edu/eas

Undergraduate programs ranked #8 nationally and graduate programs recognized with top tier Carnegie research institutions

## Davis – Yolo County – Northern California

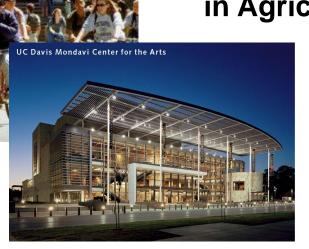


### University of California, Davis Snapshot



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

 #1 Ranked 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: \$1,600-2,000 per month
- Tuition, Fees & Insurance: \$26,000-35,000 per year
- Total Value: \$45,000-60,000 per year
- Fellowship available for 2 years
- Research & teaching assistantships available after 2 years for students continuing for the Ph.D.
- 15 to 17 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

### Who can apply?

Spanish citizens who speak English, Catalan and Spanish, and who are either:

- Graduates from Catalan universities majoring in engineering or related fields.
- Graduates from other European universities who are residents of Catalonia, Spain.

### Balsells Fellowships 1996-2015

#### 121 Fellows at UC Irvine

109 MS and PhD fellows
12 Post-doctoral fellows

#### **UPC**

ETSEIB
ETSETB
ETSECCPB
EUETIB
EUETIT
ETSEIAT
FIB
FME

URV ETSEQ 31 Fellows at CU-Boulder
31 MS and PhD fellows

8 Fellows at UCCS

7 MS and 1 MS/PhD

UB

**Phys and Chem** 

URL

UdL

IQS La Salle 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 semester starts

UCI/UCD CUB/UCCS

Dec/Jan Nov/Dec

Dec/Jan Dec

March Feb/March

March/April March

May April/May

Sept Aug

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

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 <a href="http://www.uccs.edu/eas/academics/balsells.html">http://www.uccs.edu/eas/academics/balsells.html</a>

Information on applying to UC Davis <u>eelewis@ucdavis.edu</u>

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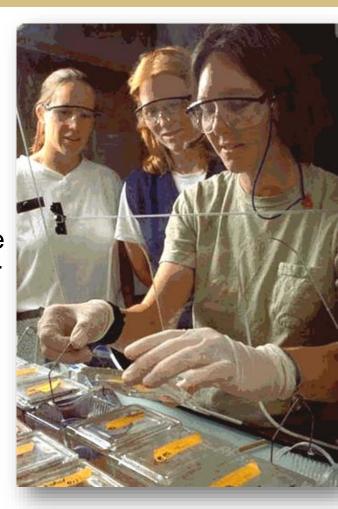
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### Balsells Mobility Program

# Balsells International Mobility Program

- Undergraduates or master's students from Catalonia
- Undertake final project or master's thesis for one semester (3-6 months) at UC Irvine, CU-Boulder or UCCS
- UC Irvine: <u>balsells.eng.uci.edu</u>
- CU-Boulder: <u>colorado.edu/engineering/balsells</u>
- UCCS: www.uccs.edu/eas/academics/balsellsmobility.html
- Transportation and 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:
  - California (UCI): Prof. Roger Rangel at <u>balsells@eng.uci.edu</u>
  - CU-Boulder: Ms. Karey Sabol at <a href="mailto:karey.sabol@colorado.edu">karey.sabol@colorado.edu</a>
  - UCCS Colorado Springs: Mr. Christopher Nelson at <u>balsells@uccs.edu</u>

**Questions?**