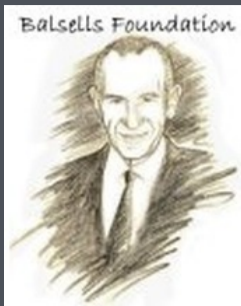


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Graduate Study and Mobility Opportunities

In partnership with the Balsells Program



INFORMATION SESSION
WEDNESDAY, 2 OCTOBER 2019

12:00 h Presentation
Sala d'Actes 'Manuel Martin Recover' de la FIB
Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya North



The University of Colorado Boulder (UCB) and the University of California, Irvine (UCI) provide **mobility opportunities, graduate fellowships, and research and teaching assistantships to allow outstanding students from Catalonia to complete their final projects or graduate degrees** in any engineering (including computer science) field at the two universities.



HISTORY OF THE BALSELS PROGRAM:

Pete Balsells, a native of Barcelona and successful U.S. entrepreneur, started the Balsells Program at UCI in 1996 and at UCB in 2010. Over 150 mobility fellows and 200 graduate fellows from Catalonia have been supported by the Balsells Foundation, the Generalitat de Catalunya, and the universities. Recently, the Balsells Foundation announced it will no longer fund the programs after the 2019-2020 school year. Nevertheless, UCB and UCI will continue to support mobility programs and provide research and teaching assistantships to outstanding PhD students. In addition, UCI will use an existing endowment from Pete Balsells to provide limited Balsells fellowship support to MS and/or PhD students.

GRADUATE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: *MS AND/OR PhD DEGREES*

The **Graduate Program** provides financial support for outstanding Catalan students to complete M.S. (UCI) and/or PhD (UCB and UCI) degrees at a top U.S. engineering school.

REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS

- Participants must be engineering or science graduates and be able to succeed in courses taught in English.
- Applicants must be accepted for engineering graduate study at UCI or UCB. They will then be considered for assistantship and/or fellowship support.
- Balsells Fellows must be Spanish citizens and permanent residents in Catalonia and speak and write fluently in both Catalan and Spanish (Irvine only).
- The fellowships and assistantship provide a competitive monthly stipend, as well as payment of tuition and a majority of health insurance— a combined value of over US \$60,000 per year.

MOBILITY OPPORTUNITIES: UNIVERSITY RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS

The **International Mobility Program** is a unique opportunity for undergraduate and master's students in the Catalonia region of Spain to complete their final projects in engineering at UCB or UCI. The program provides the opportunity to complete a research internship of 4-6 months in a campus research lab.

REQUIREMENTS AND BENEFITS

- Academic and professional accomplishment.
- Intention to apply for the graduate program at UCB or UCI.
- Intermediate English proficiency.
- Research supplies, mentorship, and partial transportation and living support provided.

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