Bringing curiosity to life
College of Biological Sciences faculty, researchers and students explore fundamental questions about life to identify opportunities and help meet the demands of the 21st century.

DEPARTMENTS
- Evolution and Ecology
- Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior
- Microbiology and Molecular Genetics
- Plant Biology
- Molecular and Cellular Biology

COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH
- Genome Center
- Center for Neuroscience
- Center for Population Biology
- Coastal and Marine Sciences Institute

STUDENT SUPPORT
- 30 undergraduate scholarship funds established to date
- 25 graduate fellowship funds established to date
- $466k raised for student support in FY 17-18, a 19% increase over prior year

CREATING OPPORTUNITIES
- 47% of CBS undergraduates participated in a research lab
- 71% held internships
- 41% of CBS undergraduates are among the first generation in their family to graduate college

DIVERSITY
- 28% of incoming students are from underrepresented minority groups
- 8.3% of incoming students are international, with the total student body hailing from 56 home countries
Points of Distinction

UC Davis ranks #1 for total women in STEM among 50 top colleges. 70% of incoming students are women, compared to 60% total across campus.

Recruiting the BEST of the Best
In the fall of 2017, the average high school grade-point average for incoming freshmen was an astounding 4.06 GPA, the highest of any college at UC Davis.

UC Davis Prize Recipient
For Judy Callis, teaching is about helping students make connections. As professor of the Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, she was recognized with the UC Davis Prize for Undergraduate Teaching and Scholarly Achievement, the university’s top teaching award.

Philanthropic Support
$10,600,000 FY 17-18
$7,390,000 FY 16-17
= 43% increase

Record-Breaking Research
2017-2018 non-state, primarily research expenditures exceeded $70 million throughout the college and its affiliated centers, setting a new record for research activity.

Cutting-Edge Facilities
The College of Biological Sciences is home to many world-class facilities, which collaborate across campus to enhance and support institutional research.

Below is a list of research cores affiliated with different areas within our college:

- Bioinformatics Core
- Biological Electron Microscopy Facility
- DNA Technologies Core
- Expression Analysis Core
- Light Microscopy Imaging Facility
- Metabolomics Core
- Proteomics Core
- Research Greenhouses
- TILLING Core
- UCDNA Sequencing Facility

The Biology Undergraduate Scholars Program supports student research opportunities.