Dear Friend,

The Arboretum’s mission has never been so important. The environment is facing immense challenges. Because students and interns provide the greatest return on our investment in operations, we are asking you to help us double our budget to $200,000 for this far-reaching program.

Your donation will support these immediate benefits:
Students and interns are hired at a very low rate. For some, it is matched by the University. These future leaders provide the regular daily hours that many volunteers cannot cover. Students and interns are the backbone of our operations, helping with greenhouse propagation, trail clearing, plant irrigation and seed collecting. They also support Arboretum office operations and help staff with community events.

Please invest in our students’ future. The Arboretum’s “living laboratory” develops students’ critical thinking about sustainable horticulture, ecological restoration, environmental education and the importance of scientific research. Most importantly for all of us, they become environmental advocates and carry solutions to environmental, climate, water and community issues with them as they go into the world.

(Over, please)
Please join us by making a donation to this year’s Student SuperBloom Challenge.

With deepest gratitude and appreciation,

Martin Quigley, PhD
Executive Director

P.S. Remember, online donations save staff time and money. Help us to protect your investment and the environment by making a donation online today at arboretum.ucsc.edu/donate. If you don’t have internet access, please call 831-502-2998, visit, or mail your donation. (Please make your check payable to: UC Santa Cruz Foundation and note the Arboretum.)