Call for Artists:

The Norris Center for Natural History is soliciting applications from student artists for an Art and Science Residency at UC Santa Cruz. The goal of the program is to fund and support creative communication opportunities for science research and student professional development.

The Norris Center will work together with scientific researchers and students from UC Santa Cruz to either complete a needed artwork for a specific research project or to collaboratively generate something new. Examples of projects could be an illustration of a scientist's research system or organisms to use in a publication or presentation; animations about complicated processes; communicating outcomes of scientific research to a wider audience; or collaborating with a scientist to develop an arts research project. The collaborative approach often has fascinating and unexpected outcomes that lend themselves to further scientific inquiry - visit https://norriscenter.ucsc.edu/art/art-science-residency/index.html for examples of previous Norris Center art-science residencies.

If selected, you will receive a stipend of up to $1,500 (which is approximately 75 hours of artist project time) to be completed over the winter and spring quarters, with a project completion deadline of July 30th 2021, and a budget for the materials needed to create the work. You will have access to specimens and materials in the Norris Center for Natural History, as well as work space if needed. You will need to meet with the scientist collaborator at least three times, gain an entry level understanding about the research and be able to explain it to others at a popular science communication level. Upon project completion, we require a short summary of the project (2-3 paragraphs) and images to feature on our website. Applicants will be chosen directly by the scientist who would like to work with them. Please note that your being selected to be included on the list of artist residents does not guarantee you will be selected by a scientist for a project.

To apply, please email Juniper Harrower (jharrower@ucsc.edu) with a link to a 1-2 page google doc that includes the following items which should be arranged neatly, suitable for sharing with prospective scientist partners. Before applying please seriously consider whether you have 75 hours across the winter and spring quarters to commit to a project.

1. Your name, contact info, and year in your studies (e.g. senior undergraduate, 1st year MFA student).
2. An artist statement (250 words max, recommended to highlight your experience and interests in environmental issues, and include your website if you have one).
3. 3-4 representative images of your work (images can be embedded in the same document with the above writing, but the entire doc including pics can be no more than 2 pages).

We are accepting applications now through January 18th, 2021.