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- Fulbright Research/Teaching Scholar, January-June 2019
- Host: Universidad San Francisco de Quito (USFQ), Ecuador
- Based at the Galápagos Science Center, San Cristóbal Island
- Project: *Galápagos corals: canaries in the coal mine*
Why I Applied

• Unique, extreme environment for corals - an analog to future conditions under climate change

• Initiate collaboration with a CSUMB exchange partner

• Immersion in a new culture; improve working language skills
Timeline & Approach to Application

- Applied 1.5 years in advance!
- Met with USFQ Research Dean & faculty host
- Applied for internal/external research grants, permits
- Planned alongside sabbatical leave
- Intermediate Spanish Course
- Lots of family logistics
What I did on my Fulbright

• Conducted coral thermal tolerance experiments across the archipelago

• Co-Taught a Marine Ecology course

• Gave seminars & presented at outreach events

• Shared research with the U.S. Ambassador to Ecuador
Professional Impact

• Uncovered Galápagos coral thermal tolerance limits

• Developed a long-term international collaboration

• Multiple research products: seminars, conference talks, pending publications, external proposals, new collaborators
Personal Impact

• Transformative experience for my 3 & 5 year old - attended local schools

• Immersion in a new culture & language, lasting friendships

• Increased cultural awareness back home
Institutional Impact

• Support for faculty and student Fulbright applicants

• Ongoing research collaboration with USFQ

• 4 CSU faculty & 2 students visited

• Helping to achieve institutional internationalization