

## UC Davis graduate student Kleist awarded California Science & Technology Policy Fellowship

**Annabelle Kleist**, a Ph.D. student working with Associate Professor [Marie Jasieniuk](#), has been awarded a California Science & Technology Policy Fellowship by the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST). The fellowship places Kleist in the California State Legislature where she will contribute to the state policymaking process. Following a comprehensive orientation on the state government and policy process, Kleist will work in a legislative office and answer technical questions, give scientific advice, and provide policy options for scientific issues. The CCST Fellowship will provide important experience in science policy, a career Kleist is interested in pursuing.



Kleist, who will complete her Ph.D. in Plant Biology this June, used molecular phylogenetic and population genetic approaches to study the origins and invasion history of French broom in California for her dissertation project. You can learn more about this research at her exit seminar on Tuesday, June 5, at 12:10 pm in Life Sciences 1022.