



Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation Graduate Assistantships Available for Fall 2016

In partnership with the University of Hawai'i system, we are pleased to share the availability of Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation graduate assistantship opportunities in the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES) program at the University of Hawai'i, Hilo and the Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) program, School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology (SOEST) and the College of Natural Sciences (CNS) at the University of Hawai'i, Mānoa. In addition to a tuition waiver, students selected for these master's level graduate assistantships receive a yearly stipend and funds for supplies and professional development. These assistantships are an important part of the Foundation's Environmental Leadership Pathways initiative, which supports homegrown Hawai'i students to aspire to and attain jobs in conservation and natural resource management in Hawai'i. You can learn more about our Environmental Leadership Pathways program [here](#).

Selection for the assistantships or "Hau'oli Mau Loa Fellows" is done by the respective University departments via selection committees and is based on the following criteria: good academic standing; from Hawai'i as evidenced by graduating from a Hawai'i high school; pursuing an M.S. degree within one of the eligible programs; a track record of supporting Hawai'i's environment and serving in a leadership capacity; and a commitment to pursuing and attaining a career in conservation or natural resource management in Hawai'i.

We are excited to partner with these academic institutions to support the next generation of environmental leaders in Hawai'i and hope you will join us in spreading the word about these opportunities. For more information about the graduate assistantships, please visit our [website](#).

Meet the Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation Fellows

Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation Program staff recently met with the newest graduate assistantship recipients from UH Hilo and Mānoa. Also in attendance were past fellows, faculty advisors and key staff members. We were immensely impressed with the heartfelt passion the new fellows expressed when sharing their hope to positively impact Hawai'i's environment and natural resources through their research and studies.

"The graduate assistantship is allowing them the freedom to think deeply and consider a project for their M.S. degree that will make a significant contribution to Hawai'i. This commitment to a project that they are allowed to conduct for their M.S. degree will

We were also pleased to hear from former Hau'oli Mau Loa Fellows who shared of their experiences entering the conservation workforce and pursuing their interests post-graduate school and from their former advisors who shared the benefits and results of these graduate assistantship opportunities. Both new and former fellows are role models for younger students who are dreaming about how they can have a great impact in Hawai'i.

give them the high-level training in conservation and environmental science that will allow them to go to the next level either in the workforce or on to a PhD degree."

-Don Price, TCBES



Fellows, faculty & staff from TCBES program at UH Hilo.



Fellows, faculty and staff from the NREM & CNS program at UH Mānoa.

"Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation and NREM are now in their 5th year of partnering on educational/professional development opportunities for the next generation of natural resource managers in Hawai'i. To date, six students have successfully completed the M.S. program in NREM as Hau'oli Mau Loa Fellows and are gainfully employed in a variety of state and federal organizations ranging from the State of Hawai'i Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Mauna Kea Watershed Alliance, O'ahu Invasive Species Committee and the US Fish and Wildlife Service."- Creighton Litton, NREM

Please join us in congratulating the new group of Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation graduate assistantship recipients!