Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation – Graduate Assistantship Opportunities in

Marine Biology, Oceanography, Earth Sciences

Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation (www.hauolimauloa.org), SOEST, and CNS are pleased to announce the **availability of two graduate assistantships for local students dedicated to careers in natural resource management in the state of Hawai‘i**. Each assistantship comes with generous support for two years (2nd year pending satisfactory academic performance), including a Graduate Assistantship, a full tuition remission, and $5,000 in professional development funds (e.g., books, fees, travel to local and national conferences, and supplies).

The overall goal of the Hau‘oli Mau Loa graduate assistantships is to develop the next generation of natural resource management leaders in Hawai‘i. The following eligibility criteria apply: (*i*) good academic standing (minimum GPA of 3.0 prior to and throughout the assistantship); (*ii*) from Hawai‘i, as evidenced by graduating from a Hawai‘i high school; (*iii*) pursuing a M.S. degree in **Marine Biology, Oceanography, or Earth Sciences**; (*iv*) track record of supporting Hawai‘i's environment (e.g., internships, volunteer opportunities, etc.) and serving in a leadership capacity (academic, athletic, extracurricular, and/or professional); and (*v*) commitment to pursuing and attaining a long-term career in natural resource management in Hawai‘i.

Application Details:
This program prioritizes students without prior graduate coursework, though students in the first year of an M.S. program are also eligible to apply.

(1) If you are not currently a SOEST or CNS graduate student, you must apply to one of the eligible M.S. programs by:

   a. Submitting all required application materials to UHM, please see http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs for specific program details; and
   b. Submit an additional essay (~2 pages, single spaced) clearly describing how you do/do not meet the five eligibility criteria listed above. Submit: (a) the essay; (b) a letter of recommendation from your advisor; and (c) transcripts (unofficial are acceptable) to lakimura@hawaii.edu with “Hau‘oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application” in the subject line.

(2) Current SOEST and CNS graduate students are eligible to apply if they will have completed <12 credit hours as of the application deadline. Submit: (a) the essay described above; (b) a letter of recommendation from your advisor; and (c) transcripts (unofficial are acceptable) to lakimura@hawaii.edu with “*Hau‘oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application*” in the subject line.

(3) All applicants, please include your current USPS mailing address along with the other requirements.

Successful applicants are expected to begin their M.S. graduate degree program in August 2024. The application deadline is January 15, 2024. Please contact Judy Lemus, Interim SOEST Associate Dean, with any questions regarding this program (808-956-2582; jlemus@hawaii.edu).