



2024 Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation – Graduate Assistantship Opportunities

Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation (www.hauolimauloa.org) and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) are pleased to announce the **availability of three 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 salary (approximately \$25,000/year plus fringe benefits), full tuition, & \$5,000 per year in professional development funds (books, fees, travel to local & national conferences, supplies, etc.).

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 [MEM](#) in NREM; (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:

- (1) If you are not currently an NREM graduate student, you **must apply to the [MEM program](#) by the January 1, 2024 deadline** by submitting all [required application materials](#) (note that some application materials should be sent directly to the UHM Graduate Admissions Office and others directly to NREM, also GRE is NOT required this year)
- (2) **Submit by January 15, 2024** i) an additional essay (2 pages, single spaced) **clearly describing what has inspired you to work with Hawai'i's natural resources and what you hope to do in your career, along with how you meet all five eligibility criteria listed above;** (ii) a letter of recommendation; and (iii) transcripts (all in a single email to nrem@hawaii.edu, with a cc to mehana@hawaii.edu. Please write "HML Application" in subject line of email).
- (3) **Successful applicants are expected to begin their MEM graduate degree program in NREM in August 2024 and finish in May 2026.** Please contact Dr. Mehana Vaughan with any questions regarding this opportunity at mehana@hawaii.edu. Please Write "HML Assistantship" in the subject line of email.

