**Hauʻoli Mau Loa Foundation – Graduate Assistantship**

**Opportunity in Botany**

Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation ([www.hauolimauloa.org](http://www.hauolimauloa.org/)) and the College of Natural Sciences are pleased to announce the **availability of one graduate assistantship for local students dedicated to careers in natural resource management in the state of Hawai‘i**. The assistantship comes with generous support for two years (2nd year pending satisfactory academic performance), including an 11-month Graduate Assistantship ($22,140 plus fringe benefits – step 8), a full tuition remission, and additional funds to be used for attendance costs (e.g., books, fees, travel to local and national conferences, and supplies; $5,000/year).

**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 Botany; (*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 a Botany graduate student, you must apply to the M.S. program by:
	1. Submitting all required application materials to the Botany graduate program by **December 15, 2020**, please see *http://www.botany.hawaii.edu/graduate-program/* for specific application and program details; and
	2. Submitting an additional essay (~2 pages, single spaced maximum) clearly describing how you meet the five eligibility criteria listed above (send essay by **January 15, 2021** to Curt Daehler, Botany Graduate Chair (daehler@hawaii.edu)with “*Hau‘oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application*” in the subject line).
2. Current Botany graduate students are eligible to apply if they have completed <10 credit hours as of August 1, 2020. Submit: (a) the essay described above; (b) a letter of recommendation from your advisor; and (c) transcripts (unofficial are fine) to daehler@hawaii.edu with “*Hau‘oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application*” in the subject line.

**Successful applicants are expected to begin their M.S. graduate degree program in August 2021.** Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2021. Please contact Curt Daehler, Botany Graduate Chair, with any questions regarding this program (808-956-3929; daehler@hawaii.edu).