



Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation – Graduate Assistantship Opportunities

School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology & College of Natural Sciences

Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation (www.hauolimauloa.org), the School of Ocean and Earth Sciences and Technology (SOEST), and the College of Natural Sciences (CNS) at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) 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 (salary plus fringe benefits), a full tuition remission, and additional funds to be used for attendance costs (e.g., books, fees, professional development, including 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 **Botany, Marine Biology, Oceanography, or Geology & Geophysics**; (iv) track record of supporting Hawai'i's environment (e.g., internships, volunteer opportunities, etc.) and serving in a leadership capacity or demonstrated leadership potential (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 SOEST/CNS graduate student, you must apply to one of the eligible M.S. programs by:
 - a. Submitting all required application materials by January 15, 2015 (December 31, 2014 for Marine Biology program, please see <http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs> for specific program details); and
 - b. an additional essay (~2 pages, single spaced) clearly describing how you do/do not meet the five eligibility criteria listed above (send essay to chriso@hawaii.edu with "Hau'oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application" in the subject line).
- (2) Current SOEST/CNS graduate students are eligible to apply if they will have completed <10 credit hours as of August 1, 2015. Submit: (a) the essay described above; (b) a letter of recommendation from your advisor; and (c) transcripts (unofficial are fine) to chriso@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 2015. Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2015. Please contact Chris Ostrander, SOEST Assistant Dean, with any questions regarding this program (808-956-5902; chriso@hawaii.edu).