Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation – Graduate Assistantship Opportunity in Botany

Hau‘oli Mau Loa Foundation (www.hauolimauloa.org) and the College of Natural Sciences are pleased to announce the **availability of one graduate assistantship for local, incoming Botany graduate student 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 at step 16, for a salary of $30,312 increasing to $31,524 in year 2), 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:

   a. Submitting all required application materials to the Botany graduate program by **December 15, 2026**, please see *http://www.botany.hawaii.edu/graduate-program/* for specific application and program details; and

   b. 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, 2027** to Celia Smith, Botany Graduate Chair (celia@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, 2027. Submit: (a) the essay described above; (b) a letter of recommendation from your advisor; and (c) transcripts (unofficial are fine) to celia@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 2027.
Review of applications will begin on January 15, 2027. Please contact Celia Smith, Botany Graduate Chair, with any questions regarding this program (808-227-1186; celia@hawaii.edu).