



KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS®

ECOSYSTEM MONITORING INTERNSHIP

2024 Summer Program



Forest Solutions is offering a full time, paid internship for high school or college students to participate in a 7-8 week vegetation monitoring program. This summer will mostly be located near Kona, HI on Hawai'i Island. The program will occur June 2024 - August 2024.

Background

Participants will contribute to a long-term forest ecosystem study, working in teams led by foresters with expertise in native Hawaiian forests. Interns will gain hands-on field experience in ecology, biology, science methodology and leadership. The main activities will include hiking, plant identification, and vegetation measurements, with the opportunity for additional conservation activities such as planting and weed assessments. The experience culminates in an independent project, which interns will present to Kamehameha Schools on the final day of the program. Field sites are located across the island, with a focus in West Hawai'i this year.

Qualifications

Applicants must be comfortable working outdoors in remote forest sites in all weather conditions. Capable of hiking over rough terrain for long distances. Able to camp 3-4 nights per week, if necessary. Participants should be interested in or pursuing a career in Natural Resources or Conservation or just have an enthusiasm for learning about the environment.

Previous experience in the following areas is desirable, but not required, as they will be developed during the internship:

- Hawaiian native and non-native species identification
- Vegetation sampling methodology
- Basic orienteering skills
- Familiarity with Global Positioning Systems (GPS)
- Competence with Microsoft Office (word, excel & access)
- Basic knowledge of and respect for Hawaiian culture and practices



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