

‘IKE ‘AINA
Pacific Exchange Program
2022 Cohort Application
Application Deadline: November 30th

We are excited to announce an opportunity for college students to participate in a culturally based STEM exchange program for the 2022 spring semester. The program offers the opportunity to connect with conservation professionals and cultural practitioners through service learning and international exchange. Our goal is to connect students to conservation and resource management careers through hands-on and virtual experiences. The curriculum will focus on traditional ecological knowledge of wetland ecosystems for sustainment and resiliency. Learn about traditional ecological knowledge, local conservation initiatives and invasive species management. Through the course of nine sessions, students will participate in six field trips to various cultural sites and conservation initiatives such as Kalaeloa refuge, Kahuku wetland reserve and Kaneilio Heiau. The program will culminate in a 7-day exchange opportunity in New Zealand. Apply today

Eligibility Requirements

- Be enrolled at least part-time in an accredited college/university or Highschool seniors that will be 18 years of age before July 2022
- Major or plan to major in Native Hawaiian culture, conservation, and resource management related fields
- Maintain a 2.5 GPA
- Current passport and ability to travel domestic and internationally

*****We encourage all applicants to apply for their passports immediately due to extended processing times with the State Department.**

Program Benefits:

- Increase your professional network and gain valuable experience in conservation related fields.
- Learn about the sacred sites and temples in Hawai'i
- \$500.00 stipend to all participants who complete the minimum requirements
- All expense paid trip to Hawai'i Island with the U.S. Forest service
- All-expense paid international exchange opportunity in Aotearoa (New Zealand)
- Career advancement opportunities with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Required documentation

- Signed and completed application form:
- One (1) letter of recommendation
- 500-word personal statement on how this program will support your educational and professional goals
- 500-word essay on the importance of environmental conservation
- Resume/CV with high resolution self-portrait
- Signed and dated Media Release form

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Print Name

Media Release Form

I, _____ hereby grant and authorize Koa Ike the right to take, edit, alter, copy, exhibit, publish, distribute and make use of any and all pictures or video taken of me to be used in and/or for any lawful promotional materials including, but not limited to, newsletters, flyers, posters, brochures, advertisements, fundraising letters, annual reports, press kits and submissions to journalists, websites, social networking sites and other print and digital communications, without payment or any other consideration.

This authorization extends to all languages, media, formats and markets now known or later discovered.

This authorization shall continue indefinitely unless I otherwise revoke this authorization in writing.

I waive the right to inspect or approve any finished product in which my likeness appears, including written or electronic copy.

I agree that I have been compensated for this use of my likeness or have otherwise agreed to this release without being compensated. I waive any right to royalties or other compensation arising or related to the use of the photograph.

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I hereby hold harmless and release Koa Ike from all liability, petitions, and causes of action which I, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, or any other persons may make while acting on my behalf or on behalf of my estate.

Signed: _____

Name: _____

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