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## Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation Graduate Assistantship Opportunity Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science

The Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation (<http://www.hauolimauloa.org/>) and the Tropical Conservation Biology and Environmental Science (TCBES) Graduate Program (<http://tcbes.uhh.hawaii.edu/>) at the University of Hawai'i at Hilo are pleased to announce the **availability of three graduate assistantships for students dedicated to careers in conservation biology and environmental science 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 (stipend 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 fellowship program in TCBES is to help develop the next generation of environmental leaders (e.g., conservation biologists or environmental scientists) in Hawai'i.** The following eligibility criteria apply: (i) good academic standing (minimum GPA of 3.0 throughout the fellowship); (ii) from Hawai'i, as evidenced by having graduated from a high school in Hawai'i; (iii) pursuing a M.S. degree in TCBES; (iv) track record of supporting Hawai'i's environment (e.g., internships, volunteer opportunities) and serving in a leadership capacity or demonstrated leadership potential (academic, athletic, extracurricular, and/or professional); and (v) commitment to attaining and pursuing a long term career in conservation biology and environmental science in Hawai'i.

### Application Details:

1. If you are not currently a TCBES graduate student you must apply for Fall 2018 by:
  - (a) Submitting all required material for admissions to TCBES. The priority deadline is 1 December 2017 but applications will continued to be accepted after that on a rolling basis until spots are filled. See the Graduate School Admission website for more information (<https://hilo.hawaii.edu/academics/graduate/>); and
  - (b) Submitting an essay (2-3 pages, single spaced) clearly describing how you meet the five eligibility criteria listed above (send essay to Mahealani Jones ([hilograd@hawaii.edu](mailto:hilograd@hawaii.edu)) with "*Hau'oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application Fall 2018*" in the subject line).
2. Current TCBES graduate students are eligible to apply if they will have completed  $\leq 10$  credit hours by August 2018. Submit by 1 December 2017:
  - (a) The essay described above;
  - (b) A letter of recommendation from your advisor; and
  - (c) Transcripts (unofficial are fine). (Send all material to [hilograd@hawaii.edu](mailto:hilograd@hawaii.edu) with "*Hau'oli Mau Loa Assistantship Application*" in the subject line.)

**Successful applicants are expected to be enrolled in the TCBES graduate degree program in August 2018.** Review of applications will begin on 1 December 2017, which is the priority deadline, but applications will continue to be reviewed after that date. Please contact Dr. Becky Ostertag, Director TCBES Graduate Program, with any questions regarding this program (808-932-7573; [ostertag@hawaii.edu](mailto:ostertag@hawaii.edu)).