FIELD RESEARCH INTERNS (7 POSITIONS) NEEDED beginning immediately through
September 12, 2003 to conduct field work on avian disease in Hawaii. The
Biocomplexity of Avian Disease project is a 5-year NSF-funded research
program. Research interns will conduct field work at 9 sites from sea
level to 6,000 ft elevation on the eastern slope of Mauna Loa Volcano,
Hawaii. Field sites range from extremely hot and dry to extremely wet,
muddy, and rainy. Field work will consist of sampling mosquito
populations
by various methods. Other duties include data entry, trap and vehicle
maintenance, mist-netting birds, attending to captive birds and
mosquito
colonies and collecting data on feral pig disturbance and larval
mosquito
habitat. Work days are long and the schedule and duties will vary
during
the course of the internship. Applicants must be in excellent physical
condition, able to walk 8 miles per day over rugged, uneven terrain,
carry
up to 65 pounds for 4 miles, work in remote locations (camping 4-8 days at
a time may be required), live and work in close proximity with other
volunteers. DESIRABLE QUALIFICATIONS: undergraduate coursework in
ecology, entomology, or wildlife biology, rock or tree climbing and
prior
experience conducting field research with minimal supervision. Food
and
laundry stipend of $400 per month, dormitory-style housing, field
equipment, and training are provided; interns must provide their own
airfare to Hilo, Hawaii. Days are long and field work is demanding, but
schedule provides time for relaxation and exploring Hawaii (snorkeling,
swimming, surfing, diving, hiking, biking). Interns live in a small rural
community next to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, site of one of the
world's most active volcanoes. Please send cover letter, resume, and
names
and current telephone numbers of 3 references to: Tom Smith, P.O. BOX
218,
HAWAII NATIONAL PARK, HI 96718, EMAIL:  tom_smith@usgs.gov, FAX:
808-967-8568.