STUDENT ASSISTANT WANTED

HAWAII PERMANENT FOREST PLOT NETWORK

Part time position with the Botany Department, located at the University of Hawaii at Hilo in Hilo, Hawaii. Student assistant will assist in the development of a permanent, mapped forest plot network across striking natural gradients in elevation, precipitation, and soil age. Work as part of a team to set up plots, measure, tag, and map trees on the permanent forest plots as directed by HIPPNET supervisors.

These jobs will also involve working in some of the most beautiful and pristine forests of Hawaii, spending evenings under the stars, experiencing cultural and biological diversity, seeing striking elevation and climatic gradients on Hawaii’s youngest island, hearing tropical birds sing, and working with a great bunch of ecologists who are committed to conservation and preservation of Hawaii’s native ecosystems. Training in plant identification and ArcGIS will be provided as needed.

Position will be largely field work; working long hours in cold, hot, wet, windy, or dry weather; driving on rough, rocky, dusty, and muddy roads; navigating with GPS units, compasses, and maps; staying safe in remote areas by using caution and good judgment; accurately collecting and recording large amounts of data, accurately identifying tropical plants, and maintaining good work relations with other members of the field team. Assistants must be capable of working long hours standing, bending, walking, and a great amount of physical exertion. The incumbent may be required to lift containers weighing up to 35 pounds.

Prefer at least one semester commitment. Pay: $9.45/hr. Possibility of continued employment is dependent upon program/operational needs, satisfactory work performance, and availability of funds. Academic credit may be arranged.

Minimum Qualifications: Must be student University of Hawaii or Hawaii Community College student. Coursework should include classes in the biological sciences which could include Biology, Botany, Ecology, Environmental Science, or other Biological discipline. Previous field and/or laboratory experience collecting biological data and basic knowledge of the principles of plant ecology preferred. Basic computer skills, including experience with Microsoft Excel. Valid driver’s license. Ability to work effectively and positively as a member of a larger team. Willingness and ability to work long field hours in rugged terrain under inclement weather conditions.

Inquiries: Lisa Ellsworth (808) 933-8121 ext 156 or lisaells@hawaii.edu.

Application Requirements: Send cover letter, resume, and names, phone numbers and addresses of three supervisory references and copy of transcripts to qualify for position by email (lisaells@hawaii.edu), fax (808) 933-8120, or postal mail to Lisa Ellsworth, Institute of Pacific Islands Forestry, 60 Nowelo Street, Hilo, HI 96720 before March 21,
2008. Applications will be reviewed and interviews offered as they are received. 
**EEO/AA Employer.**

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"May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to
the most amazing view. May your mountains rise into and above the clouds."

Edward Abbey (1927 - 1989)