Kupu, a non-profit organization, is seeking three full-time paid interns to serve one year beginning August. Interns will be enrolled as an AmeriCorps VISTA member. Application deadline is June 17, 2009! Please see below for details:

Applicants can apply online at
https://my3.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?fromSearch=true&id=32257&SID=303e31854c0a4cbdfdd3636e8fda9a434eac31799eeeb4761734aa29359add12

Organization/Program Background:

Kupu is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that operates the Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps (HYCC)(www.hawaiiycc.com). Kupu’s mission statement is: “To benefit local communities through programs that promotes youth education, environment, stewardship, and cross cultural exchange. Bringing enrichment and aid to local communities with God’s love.” Through education, training, and financial assistance Kupu works to provide youth (age 16-30) with opportunities to take a step forward in their life.

For over 40 years, members of AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) have actively served low-income areas by mobilizing people, businesses and organizations with the goal of creating sustainable healthy communities. The mission of AmeriCorps*VISTA is: “AmeriCorps*VISTA builds permanent infrastructure in non-profit organizations to help them more effectively bring individuals and communities out of poverty.” Throughout the year, AmeriCorps*VISTA provides full-time members to nonprofit, faith-based and other community organizations, and public agencies to create and expand programs that bring low-income individuals and communities out of poverty.

Position Description:

VISTA members may be doing any of the following:

1. Identify, attain, and organize additional sources of funding in the forms of in-kind matching, cash donations, grants, and fundraising. Assist in securing other resources for the organization through the development of partnerships with other nonprofit entities, state and federal agencies, community groups, and businesses.

2. Develop a system for data collection, including data on the program’s impact on youth participants and the communities served. This will be done by:

   Researching new data and statistics on the community

   Researching new information/public events pertinent to the program
Creating pre and post surveys for members who complete the program

Creating survey for applicants not accepted into the program

Creating survey for organizations/agencies where HYCC members have served

Surveys will be created to ask pertinent question that quantify the impacts made by the program.

3. Create and distribute a catalog of resources and opportunities for youth in Hawaii. The catalog will cover three categories: social services, educational services, and employment services. This catalog will include an inventory of “green energy” companies and job opportunities throughout the state, which sufficient data on all these entities.

4. Find different techniques to best outreach to the community and the program’s target audience. This may include, but will not be limited to:

Linking program alumni digitally

Researching marketing success and opportunities

Maintaining MySpace, Facebook, Twitter or other social network accounts

Creating standard mailing lists

Eligibility:

-18 years or older

-US Citizen or a Lawful Permanent Resident

-Cannot have a job outside of this internship

-Cannot be enrolled in school during this internship

-Not listed on the National Sex Offenders Public Registry

-Available full time, from August 2009-August 2010

Compensation/Benefits:

-Stipend of $567/two weeks (subject to change slightly with State wage laws)
-Educational award of $4,725 or end of service stipend of $1200

-Health coverage

-Childcare benefits (if eligible)

-Relocation assistance

-On-site training

-Off-site training

-Miscellaneous organizational benefits

Application Process:

All applicants must apply online at my.americorps.gov. You may go to this website and “Search Listings” for Kupu: Learn, Serve, and Be The Difference! listing in Hawaii. Please see the attached document for further instructions in how to apply. Application deadline: June 17, 2009!

If you are selected for an interview, interviews will take place on Monday and Tuesday, June 22 and 23

If you have any questions please contact Katrina Thompson at 808-735-1221 ext 1003.

Mahalo!

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