The Oahu Army Natural Resource Program (OANRP) has an opening for a Horticulture/Rare Plant Propagation paid intern for summer 2011. This three month, 40-hour a week internship will provide individuals with the rare opportunity to work with some of Oahu's endangered plants, while learning techniques and skills essential to natural resource conservation in Hawaii, specifically propagating endangered plants. There are two parts to this internship: 1) primary duties (~85%) will involve working in the OANRP’s two endangered plant nurseries; 2) secondary duties (~15%) will involve assisting OANRP crews with field work operations to protect endangered species in Oahu’s mountains. Primary duties (nursery work) for this internship may include, but are not limited to: assisting in the propagation and maintenance of native Hawaiian plants, including rare, threatened and endangered species; performing routine greenhouse maintenance and repairs; helping to manage plant pathogens and insect pests; conducting weed and rat abatement activities; following greenhouse phytosanitary procedures and decontaminating plants prior to outplanting; and helping to keep accurate nursery records. Nursery work involves a considerable amount of bending, stooping, crouching, standing for long periods and lifting loads up to fifty (50) pounds. Secondary duties (field work) for this internship may include, but are not limited to: invasive weed control; rare plant re-introduction and monitoring; rare bird and invertebrate monitoring; ungulate and rodent monitoring and control; and fence construction. Field work may involve hiking up to ten (10) miles per day in remote areas and rugged terrain under inclement weather conditions, with the possibility of camping for up to four (4) consecutive days. Work may include the use of herbicide. Applicants must be able to work the entire 3-month (12-week) internship period (starting date is flexible), with a work week consisting of four, ten-hour days (7:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.), Mondays through Thursdays.

Along with acquiring valuable horticulture skills & experience relating to natural resource management, each individual will be compensated for the 12-week internship at a rate of $12.50 an hour. The OANRP offices are located in Schofield Barracks, on the Island of Oahu. Applicants are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the OANRP offices. Food and lodging is not provided. This internship does not qualify for an international work visa. All applicants are required to submit:

1) Completed OANRP 2011 Internship Application (applications and directions can be found at the following website: http://manoa.hawaii.edu/hpicesu/dpw.htm);

2) TWO (2) completed reference forms (these are to be filled out by two different references – forms are included on the last pages of the application); and

3) Resume (no longer than 3 pages) describing education and related work and/or volunteer experience.

DEADLINE: All of the above documents must be completed and sent either via email or fax no later than March 07, 2011, to be eligible. Note: it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure both references have emailed reference forms to OANRP by the deadline.

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