Américorps Propagator Position at Waimea Valley (Full time)

The propagator is responsible for horticultural tasks related to the propagation and growth of plants for accession into the botanical collections and restoration sites at Waimea Valley. Under the direction of staff, the intern:

a. Conducts research as needed to determine specific propagation and growth requirements
b. Daily green house responsibilities to water, control pests, clean-up, and sanitation.
c. Works collaboratively with Horticultural Specialist and Conservation Land Specialist to ensure proper identification, preservation and enhancement of the collection.
d. Oversee volunteers to ensure plants in the green house are cared for in accordance with established procedures.
e. Maintains records and complies data on the cultivation and care of the plants

Education, training and/or experience:
Preferably a degree in horticulture or a related field OR have acquired 2 years work experience in propagation or a related field. Must have basic knowledge of propagation and horticulture.

Américorps Program
The 2012-2013 HYCC Year-Round program is scheduled to begin in October and run for approximately 10-12 months. Members will generally participate in program activities Monday through Friday (as well as possible weekends and holidays). This is not a residential program and participants must provide their own housing and transportation to and from the internship site. 2012-2013 HYCC Year-Round members must complete 1,700 hours over a 10-12 month period to successfully fulfill internship requirements.

Full-time participants will receive:
Up to a $1,300 monthly living allowance (subject to taxes).
An additional $5,550 educational award that can be used to pay off educational loans or can be applied to future educational endeavors. All interest earned on certain educational loans during the year of service will be paid for by AmeriCorps. Health care and childcare benefits will be available (if eligible).
Benefits
Participants will gain valuable education throughout the program and will meet potential role models who work in the fields of resource management and conservation biology. In addition, they will gain career experience, improve interpersonal skills, gain knowledge in conservation, and develop professional skills necessary for advancement in conservation and other fields. Interns help to preserve some of the most precious natural resources in Hawai‘i.

Applicant Criteria
Must be at least 18 years of age (or 17 years of age with high school diploma.) Must possess/ be working towards high school diploma or equivalent. Must be U.S. citizen, national, or permanent resident alien. Must be available full time for at least 11 months. A majority of work is spent outdoors and will be physically demanding including hiking for long distances in variable weather conditions, use of herbicide applications (must be able to carry 50lbs). A positive attitude, an interest in learning, motivation, curiosity about nature, physical ability and desire to work on outdoor projects with little or no supervision will also be important.

Application requirements
Should submit resume with related work experience
Obtain letters of recommendation
Applicant must submit two (2) letters of recommendation. All letters of recommendation should be written by professional sources such as coaches, supervisors, teachers, groups you volunteered with, church leaders, or anyone who has known you for at least three months. Letters of recommendation should not be written by immediate family members or close friends.

Email resume and letters of recommendation to JHoh@waimeavalley.net or call (808) 638-5875 for further information. Please submit resume by June 15, 2012.