Avian Disease Internship

We are seeking 1 intern for 4 months starting in **mid-August**, 2012 to assist in island-wide field surveys for introduced avian disease (avian malaria and pox virus) on the island of Hawaii in State Forest Reserves and Volcanoes National Park. The internship will be based at Volcanoes National Park in conjunction with research conducted by USGS and the Pacific Islands Ecosystems Research Center. Candidates need to be in good physical condition and will be expected to camp in a field setting for up to 4-10 days at a time, hike with packs (40-50 lbs.) over rough terrain, in inclement (at times, very wet and cold) weather. Previous mist-netting experience is recommended. Recent certification in CPR and Wilderness First Aid training is desirable. We will be mist-netting native and non-native birds, banding and collecting morphometrics, blood samples, as well as examining birds for ectoparasites. The other field portion will be dedicated to surveying for pig activity, available mosquito habitat, and mosquito prevalence at each site. Housing will be provided within the National Park and a small stipend for food expenses will be provided (roughly $23/day). To apply, please send a cover letter and your resume to jgaudio@usgs.gov by July 16th.