**Americorps Conservation Internship at Waimea Valley (Full Time)**

Waimea Valley’s Mission: “E mālama a e ho‘omau i na waiwai kânaka, mo‘omeheu, a kūloheoke o Waimea no kēlā hanauna, kēia hanauna ma o ka ho‘ona‘auao a me ka ho‘okahu ‘ana. Preserve and perpetuate the human, cultural and natural resources of Waimea for generations through education and stewardship

Hi`ipaka LLC dba Waimea Valley seeks an individual responsible for the investigation, study, and maintenance of the ecological resources and ecosystems in Waimea Valley on the North Shore of O`ahu. Waimea Valley is comprised of 1865 acres of conservation land which includes a world class botanical garden, wetland, and low elevation mesic forest ecosystems.”

**Americorps 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.

**Duties**

Duties include but are not limited to `Alae `ula (Hawaiian Moorhen) monitoring and habitat management, Hawaiian Damselfly habitat management, invasive plants removal and monitoring, ungulate and mongoose trapping, native seed collection, plant propagation, out-planting, hiking, botanical surveying, ArcGIS mapping, low elevation mesic forest restoration, wetland restoration, working with volunteers in botanical gardens and restoration sites, trail clearing and maintenance.

**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. Prior experience with Hawaii conservation issues and knowledge of the use of GPS and GIS preferred. A majority of work is spent outdoors and will be physically demanding including hiking for long distances in variable weather conditions, use of chainsaws, weed whackers, and 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 August 1, 2012.