Career Resources

Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk Project

HEAR offers job listings related to invasive species management in Hawaii.

http://www.hear.org/announcements/jobs.htm

U.S. Office of Personnel Management

One-stop job listings for federal employment nationwide. Many federal agencies, such as USGS, USDA, and NPS employ all levels of invasives species workers.

http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/series_search.asp

Research Corporation of the University Hawaii (RCUH)

RCUH supports research and training throughout Hawaii for organizations like the Island Invasive Species Committees (ISCs) and the University of Hawaii. Search for jobs under the employment link.

http://www.rcuh.com

State of Hawaii

The state of Hawaii employs a sizeable invasive species workforce.

http://www.ehawaiigov.org/working/html/

Maui County

Maui County also employs many invasive species employees.

http://www.co.mauai.hi.us/departments/Personnel/employmentOpportunities.php
Conservation Job Opportunities in Hawaii—Invasive Species Management

Working With Invasive Pests in Hawaii

Invasive weeds, insects, disease organisms, and other pests pose the greatest single threat to Hawaii’s economic well being, natural environment, and quality of life for Hawaii’s people. Stopping the influx is essential to Hawaii’s future well being.

More than 20 federal, state, and private agencies are working together to prevent unwanted pests from entering the state, removing the pests that are here, creating legislation to make Hawaii secure from pests in the future, and educating the public about the nature of the problem. Choosing a career with one of these agencies can be both rewarding personally, as well as performing a crucial role in the protection of Hawaii.

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These careers have varying educational requirements. Manual jobs such as field technician may only require a high school degree, while jobs in environmental education often require bachelor’s degree, and most scientific work requires either a master’s degree or even a PhD.

As Hawaii comes to grips with the enormity of the invasive pest problem, the number and variety of jobs available will increase. Additionally, as global movement and trade increases, so will the threat of invasive pests, ensuring stability of jobs in this field. Perhaps most important, though, is the personal satisfaction of being involved with protecting the welfare of Hawaii environment and its people.

The mission of the Hawaiian Ecosystems at Risk project (HEAR) is to collect and disseminate information about harmful non-native species in Hawaii and the Pacific.

HEAR provides technology, methods, and information to resource managers, decision-makers, and the general public to support effective science-based management of harmful non-native species in Hawaii and the Pacific.

Conservation work can be in the field, such as studying silverswords in Haleakala National Park, Maui.