Hawaii Youth Conservation Corps Year-Round
AMERICORPS SITE DESCRIPTIONS

The following are descriptions about the sites that will be available this year.

DAR (Division of Aquatic Resources) Oahu
1 Full-time position

The Americorp position for DAR will assist the Aquatic Invasive Species Response Team to monitor, control, eradicate, and map aquatic invasive species (AIS) across the State of Hawaii. The internship will involve snorkeling and possibly SCUBA diving to conduct research in relation to AIS. Projects will be conducted on most islands with the majority of the work being conducted on Oahu. Projects will focus on Snowflake coral and alien algae as well as many other species.

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Anthony Montgomery
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DLNR, Division of Forestry & Wildlife (DOFAW) Education and Outreach Assistant (Oahu)
1 Full-time position

Position is based in the DOFAW main office at the Kalanimoku Bldg, downtown Honolulu, Oahu. Duties include assisting DOFAW I&E Specialist with education and outreach activities including but not limited to: helping to develop outreach materials and improving educational access to forest & wildlife resources, assisting with publication of DOFAW’s newsletter, help coordinate volunteer service programs, continue maintenance of educational native garden, making classroom presentations, and helping produce products for sale featuring forest & wildlife themes. Americorps member will be encouraged to initiate independent projects and coordinate with professional staff from a diversity of program areas to maximize learning opportunities and growth.

May require some travel to neighbor islands, and work outdoors.

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DOFAW (Division of Forestry and Wildlife) Maui
1 Full-time position

The YCC program is a hands-on, entry level, community based service learning program. Participants are challenged to learn the principles of natural resource stewardship and the importance of sustaining Hawaii’s unique natural environment. All positions will spend time with natural resource managers, educators, scientists and community leaders learning about Hawaiian plants and animals, native ecosystems, watersheds, historic sites, aquaculture, and the current demands being placed on Hawaii’s natural resources. All positions will be hands-on and participants will be expected to work in outdoor and in sometimes rugged settings. Participants will be placed in a particular area that matches their background or position goals.

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KISC (Kauai Invasive Species Committee)
2 Full-time positions

The Kauai Invasive Species Committee works to control and eradicate invasive pests island-wide. Plants, animals and insects all are targeted which makes for a diverse experience in working to preserve native habitats, flora and fauna. Partnerships are an integral part of KISC which allows us to work with a variety of people and agencies on a multitude of projects. Various conservation methods are employed and training is provided.

For more information contact:
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MAUI LAND & PINE DESCRIPTION
2 Part-time positions

Responsible for preservation, conservation and maintenance of plantation watershed capacities and natural resources to include: constructing/maintaining fences, roads, trails, boardwalks; alien animal and weed control; gathering and recording reliable field data; installing/maintaining snare, trap, bait lines; installing/monitoring vegetation transect lines; protecting and propagating rare and native plants; maintaining watershed equipment, facilities and communication systems. Works closely with Watershed Supervisor and other Field Technicians to implement planned programs designed to protect the natural diversity of native flora & fauna within the watershed boundaries. Housing is available for $500 dollars a month.

For more information contact:
Randy Bartlett
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TNC (The Nature Conservancy) Oahu
1 Part-time position

The Field Technician’s responsibilities require an enthusiastic, outgoing person with natural resources management experience. The Field Technician will work closely with the Field Coordinator to assist with the implementation of priority resource management projects. Priority projects include fence line clearing and fence line construction, reforestation and restoration projects (planting), weed control using herbicides, and rodent and pig control. Other project work may include rare plant and animal monitoring, trail construction and maintenance, plant propagation, and vehicle, equipment, and facilities maintenance. Once a month, the Field Technician will also assist field staff for other activities such as weekend work trips, working with service learning groups, or assisting docents on the guided hikes. The position requires working in steep, loose, thickly brushed terrain. Other job requirements include the willingness and skill to use mechanical and chemical weed control methods and the physical ability to carry a backpack and equipment weighing 35 pounds or more for several miles. Camping trips for several nights may also be necessary at times. The Field Technician will also be expected to work independently with minimal supervision at times. The Field Technician will be supervised primarily by the Field Coordinator.

For more information:
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WMMWP (West Maui Mountain Watershed Partnership)
1 Part-time position

The West Maui Mountains Watershed Partnership located in Wailuku/Lahaina Districts with offices in Napili, Maui, Hawaii focuses on the protection of native Hawaiian forest and related water resources within ~48,000 acres of forested watershed in the West Maui Mountains. The majority of the work will be performed in remote locations and will require the ability to backpack over rough terrain and thick unmarked trail conditions with heavy loads and camp in remote areas under extreme conditions for up to four nights at a time. Volunteers will learn skills in resource management activities such as building and maintaining fence lines, controlling feral animals, controlling alien plant invasions, monitoring native vegetation/ecosystem recovery, and more. Skills learned will require working safely with herbicide and helicopters, maintaining field equipment, recording field data and using Global Positioning Systems and computers. Applicants must hold a current drivers license and be able to drive a 4-wheel drive with manual transmission and must be able to complete basic helicopter safety course. Knowledge of native Hawaiian flora and fauna and threats from alien species and related work and outdoor skills are desirable.

For more information contact:
Chris Brosius
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NARS (Natural Area Reserves System) Big Island
2 Full-time positions

The Natural Area Reserves program on the Big Island is an exciting program which preserves and maintains some of the best native ecosystems in Hawaii. Interns will be involved in maintaining these areas which include hiking, fence building, invasive species removal, planting, surveying, and much more. Applicants must be in good physical shape, have a positive attitude, work well in teams, be able to work in remote conditions and camp for at least one week at a time.

For more information contact:
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OISC (Oahu Invasive Species Committee)
1 Full-time position

This intern will be focused on the detection, mapping and eradication of some of the most threatening incipient invasive species on Oahu. As an intern, OISC strives to provide an opportunity for this person to choose a project that fits within the needs of our program to focus on during their internship period. Previous project included, researching the biology and known problems and treatment methods and researching more effective treatment methods for our target species, and a public outreach educational display at the airport regarding invasive species.

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