

**Kōkeʻe Resource Conservation Program
Internship Application**

Please return your application, resume, and 2 letters of recommendation to:

KRCP, PO Box 1108, Waimea, Hawaii 96796 or email: kokeeresource@gmail.com

Questions please call phone: 808-335-0045 or email: kokeeresrouce@gmail.com

Internship Job Description

Purpose: To perform vegetation management activities in Kōkeʻe, Waimea Canyon, and Nā Pali State Parks, involving primarily alien invasive plant (weed) removal but also sometimes including other management actions such as trail clearing, fencing of rare plants, and out-planting of natives and their subsequent care.

Key Responsibilities:

- Identify native plants in work areas, so as not to damage them
- Identify target weeds and remove them manually by pulling or treat with herbicide
- Hike in rough terrain, through dense vegetation, in possibly slippery, steep areas
- Follow all instructions and safety precautions of KRCP staff; be mindful of the safety of others and yourself; must wear long pants, long sleeved shirts, hiking boots with socks, gloves.
- Assist KRCP staff in the supervision of volunteer service projects
- Assist with orienting and training volunteers
- Attend outreach activities such as helping to man an educational booth at public events
- Remote camping work trips in native forest. Length of stay is typically 4-days but in rare cases could be scheduled for up to 7 days.

Suggested Qualifications (but not required):

- Interest or training in botany and ecology
- Familiar with GIS, mapping, gps, data entry, and ArcView
- Commitment to preservation of native Hawaiian ecosystems
- Ability to perform strenuous hiking and carry 35 lb backpack
- Comfortable and responsible in wilderness conditions, understand healthy camping
- Willingness to perform hard physical work and use herbicides
- No allergies, back problems, or other medical conditions
- Team player, safe worker
- Ability to accept instructions and put them into practice

Supervised by: Staff of KRCP during field hours.

Development opportunities: Opportunity to learn and gain experience in the taxonomy, function and management of Hawaiian flora and terrestrial ecosystems, as well as the threats to these native forests and what can be done about them. Receive safety training and training in resource management methods. Spend time in one of Hawai'i's finest State Parks; can also participate in Kōkeʻe Museum projects and programs.

Support: Equipment Provided:

- Safety gear such as gloves, safety glasses, compass and map
- Machetes, clippers, machete belt & pouches as needed, Tally meter for counting weeds
- Equipment for special projects such as weed whackers and their relevant safety equipment (ear protection, face shields/helmets, chainsaw chaps) for trail clearing.

I have read and understand the internship job description (Initial): _____



KRCP Intern Application

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email: _____ Are you a resident of Hawaii: _____

M _____ F _____ Date of Birth: _____ Are you a US citizen: _____

Education: I am now attending: _____

Major: _____

Answers must be legible

1. What is your level of knowledge and interest regarding the following: (rate as high, medium, or low)

	Interest in:	Knoweldge of:
Botany		
Ecology		
Invasive Species		
Hawaiian Flora		
Kōke'e Trails		
Conservation		

2. Please discuss your reasons for applying?

3. Have you done conservation volunteering before? If yes, please describe what type of work, where and how long?

4. Summarize any work experience you have had that may be applied to this internship?

5. What do you hope to gain from this internship?

6. What are your personal skills and interests? Do you have skills such as mechanical, carpentry, painting, nursery work, GIS, medical training, other?

7. Do you have any physical condition or allergies which might inhibit your ability to endure strenuous activity at 3500'+ elevation?

8. Housing and recreational transportation is not provided for this internship.
Do you have housing on Kauai?
Do you have your own transportation?

9. Are you comfortable with handling and applying herbicides? Please circle: Yes or No
(KRCP staff provides training on safe handling and application according to the labeling requirements.)

10. Why should you be chosen for this internship?