



Huliauapa‘a AmeriCorps

Partner Host Site: Ka‘ūpūlehu Dryland Forest - Ho‘ōla Ka Makana‘ā

Kāhea

Ka‘ūpūlehu’s integrated programs, Ho‘ōla Ka Makana‘ā, invites someone to answer the call of ‘āina, hard work against seeming odds, and the healing love that land provides in return for sweat equity and disciplined mālama. Laughter is welcome too. This new position explores merging Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), archaeology, biocultural restoration training, stewardship and growing kinship ties to the land. Here we have all learned much from place.

Kuleana

This newly evolving position calls for willingness to learn, adaptability to shifting directions and varied activities.

That includes hands on learning and honoring protocols of the program, in place to protect each other, ‘āina and resources for future generations.

Work Schedule: will be 5-days/ week; 8 hours/day unless otherwise determined, for a 40-hour work week, Monday through Friday. Some hours will be at home or outdoor forest office on your portable computer.

‘Āina

The Ka‘ūpūlehu Dryland Forest is located on 76 acres in the North Kona District on Hawai‘i Island. This rare forest is among the best remaining dryland forests in Hawai‘i ,when as little as 1% to 5% remains in all the islands. Bequeathed by Ke Ali‘i Bernice Pauahi Bishop to Kamehameah Schools (KS), Ka‘ūpūlehu is a unique and treasured place of legacy to be passed on to future generations. A group of land managers, educators, cultural practitioners, and natural resource experts created the following vision for the management of Ka‘ūpūlehu Dryland Forest:

Aloha ‘Āina. Aloha Ka‘ūpūlehu. Aloha Wao Lama. Far into the future, people will feel connected and committed to perpetuating a functioning native landscape, its genealogical stories and multiple truths, and treating each other with kindness and respect. Ka‘ūpūlehu will be a healthy landscape of plenty, alive with native plants, bird song and history that will be tended and cherished by many.

Nā mea e kūpono ‘ai, Requirements Qualifications

Attention to detail and a thoughtful nature is vital. Need to be fit for the steep ‘a‘ā terrain and physical environment that is often dry and hot. There can be sporadic extremes of wet and cool weather. It is also a special land of rare plants, rich history and resilience, so flexibility to adjust to new directions and discoveries, as well as honoring the protective privacy and security of resources are important qualities. This is a first collaboration of this kind, so there will be hui meetings in person and electronically. With COVID, we will be adjusting as needed and ‘ohana safety and care is paramount. Personal transportation, lodging, and access to computers for communication, learning and reports is required.

Pilina Connections

Kona-Kohala experience and connections, background and community connections preferred.

Hawai‘i Island experience and connections, background and/or community connections preferred.

At least 1-year of community-based work in Hawai‘i. Interest and respect for Hawaiian cultural practices and values