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Fellowships for Native Hawaiian scholars

KAMUELA, Hawaii—February 1, 2010—The Kohala Center invites native Hawaiian scholars to apply for the Mellon-Hawaii Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship 2010-11 Program, which provides selected scholars the opportunity to complete their dissertations or to publish original research.

Applications for the 2009-2010 fellowship program are being accepted through February 15.

The Mellon-Hawaii Doctoral and Postdoctoral Fellowship Program supports Native Hawaiian scholars who are early in their academic careers and others who are committed to the advancement of scholarship on Hawaiian cultural and natural environments, Hawaiian history, politics and society. The program is recognized for showcasing the value of the scholars' place-centered knowledge and strengthening their position in a global intellectual context.

The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation and Kamehameha Schools support the program. Postdoctoral fellowships of \$50,000 each and doctoral fellowships of \$40,000 each will be awarded to successful candidates for the academic year September 2010 through June 2011.

The program allows doctoral fellows to complete their dissertations before accepting their first academic posts, and postdoctoral fellows have the opportunity to publish original research early in their academic careers.

Native Hawaiian scholars who are Ph.D. candidates or who have earned a Ph.D. in any field in the arts and sciences are eligible to apply. Preference is given to those

- who demonstrate scholarly and leadership promise;
- whose research involves the Hawaiian natural or cultural environment, or Hawaiian history, politics, and society;
- who have had a history of service to the Hawaiian community and to society as a whole; and
- who reside in Hawaii or whose research requires extended periods of time in Hawaii.

Native Hawaiian scholars in any residential or external degree program of a fully accredited U.S.-based institution, or institutions abroad, are eligible.

For application information and forms, visit <http://kohalacenter.org/mellon/app.html>, e-mail kednie@kohalacenter.org or assist@kohalacenter.org or call The Kohala Center at 808-887-6411.

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Notification of awards will be made by Monday, April 5, 2010. The Kohala Center is assisted in selecting successful candidates for the Mellon-Hawaii Fellowship by Robert Lindsey Jr, Dr. Shawn Kanaiaupuni, Dr. Dennis Gonsalves, Dr. Pualani Kanahale, and Dr. James Kauahikaua.

This is the third year fellowships will be awarded. Eight fellowships have been awarded since 2008-09.

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