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***Brown University summer environmental programs scholarships offered***

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—January 19, 2011—The Kohala Center invites island high school students to apply for one of two scholarships to summer environmental science programs at Brown University. Applications are due Friday, February 25, for the Brown University Environmental Leadership Lab (BELL) Sustainable Development Program in Providence, Rhode Island, this summer.

BELL is a unique outdoor learning laboratory. Students from across the country engage in intensive leadership development activities and learn about sustainable development through the academic fields of biology, geology, and environmental science and policy. For two-week sessions, students will live at the university’s Haffenreffer estate, a 372-acre historic farm adjacent to Narragansett Bay, which is among the most diverse and biologically productive ecosystems on earth.

Students can choose one of three separate sessions:

- June 27–July 8
- July 11–July 22
- July 25–August 5

In the program, students learn how human demands on the environment can compromise the long-term health of ecosystems that exist to sustain us. Students develop the leadership necessary for tackling environmental problems within their communities. They also learn about policies, practices, and emerging technologies that help to reduce human ecological impact. Students are mentored by Brown faculty and graduate and undergraduate students.

The Kohala Center and Brown University are offering two full tuition scholarships to qualified high school students to attend BELL in Rhode Island. Recipients must cover their own travel costs.

The application deadline is February 25. Application materials can be downloaded at <http://www.kohalacenter.org/scholarships/bellri.html> or are available from The Kohala Center, 808- 887-6411. The application must include an official school transcript and a one-page essay describing what you hope to learn during this course. Hawai‘i Island students applying for this scholarship do not need to pay the deposit or application fee.

For program details, visit the BELL Web site, <http://www.brown.edu/ce/pre-college/catalog/course.php?id=40>.

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Brown University partners with The Kohala Center to offer this competitive program for precollege students with interests in science, leadership, and cultural studies. The Kohala Center is an independent center for research and education *about* and *for* the environment, which operates in partnership with local, national, and international research and educational institutions. To learn more about The Kohala Center's programs, see [www.kohalacenter.org](http://www.kohalacenter.org).

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