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***Cornell University summer engineering programs scholarships available***

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—January 19, 2011—The Kohala Center invites high school students to apply for scholarships to summer engineering programs at Cornell University. Scholarship applications are due Friday, February 25, for the Cornell CATALYST and CURIE academies’ summer residential engineering programs hosted by the Diversity Programs in Engineering at Cornell.

The CATALYST Academy is a one-week residential engineering program for high school freshman, sophomore, and junior boys and girls who share a strong interest in engineering and its related disciplines. From July 17-23, they will engage in classes, lab sessions, and research projects led by the university’s faculty and graduate students on the Cornell campus in Ithaca, New York. Additional social events, panel discussions, and field activities provide student participants with opportunities to network with Cornell faculty, staff, and university students.

Scholarship applicants for CATALYST Academy must be current freshman, sophomores, and juniors with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.

The CURIE Academy, also July 17-23, is a one-week residential engineering program for high school girls who excel in math and science. The focus is on sophomores and juniors who may not have had prior opportunities to explore engineering, but want to learn more about the many opportunities in engineering in an interactive atmosphere. Cornell University’s world-renowned faculty and graduate students will lead CURIE participants in classes, lab sessions, and project research. Social events, panel discussions, and other out-of-classroom activities will provide participants with opportunities to network informally with Cornell faculty, staff, and students.

Current freshman, sophomore, and junior girls with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale are eligible to apply to the CURIE Academy.

Interested students may apply for either program online at the Cornell University Diversity Programs Web site, <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/curie> and <http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/catalyst>.

To apply for a full tuition scholarship offered by The Kohala Center to either program, see <http://www.kohalacenter.org/scholarships/catalyst.html> for CATALYST Academy scholarships or <http://www.kohalacenter.org/scholarships/curie.html> for CURIE Academy scholarships.

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Applicants may apply for one or both of the programs. Two scholarships will be awarded. Recipients must cover their own travel costs. The scholarship application deadline is February 25.

Cornell University partners with The Kohala Center to offer this program for high school students with interests in engineering. The Kohala Center is an independent, not-for-profit center for research and education *about* and *for* the environment. The Kohala Center operates in partnership with local, national, and international research and educational institutions including Cornell University. To learn more about The Kohala Center's programs, see [www.kohalacenter.org](http://www.kohalacenter.org).

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