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High school agricultural internships offer stipends

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—May 20, 2014—The Kohala Center is seeking Hawai‘i Island high school students and recent graduates to get their hands dirty this summer as paid interns with its Beginning Farmer-Rancher Development Program.

Students may apply now for the program’s two-week agriculture summer internships to be held June 16–27 and July 14–25. Sessions will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Monday–Friday and are based at the program’s Ka Hua ‘Aina farm in Honoka‘a.

Interns will gain hands-on experience in sustainable agriculture, learn about island food systems and receive a \$250 stipend. They will work at the program’s farm as well as other sites around the island—the ‘aina is their classroom.

Participants will also gain exposure to various industries related to agriculture in Hawai‘i—from mushrooms to bees—through site visits to Waipi‘o, Kohala, Hamakua, Kona, and Hilo. They will explore alternative career and education opportunities in agriculture and ‘aina-based activities.

For application deadlines and to apply, visit kohalacenter.org/farmertraining/internships or call The Kohala Center at (808) 887-6411.

The Beginning Farmer-Rancher Development Program is sponsored by The Kohala Center and Kamehameha Schools’ ‘Aina Ulu Program.

About The Kohala Center

Founded in 2001, The Kohala Center (<http://www.kohalacenter.org>) is an independent, community-based center for research, conservation, and education. We turn research and traditional knowledge into action so that communities in Hawai‘i and around the world can thrive—ecologically, economically, culturally, and socially. Our main areas of interest are energy self-reliance, food self-reliance, and ecosystem health.