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Scholarships offered for summer environmental science, engineering programs

KAMUELA, Hawai‘i—January 23, 2012—The Kohala Center invites high school students to apply for scholarships to residential engineering and environmental science summer programs. These opportunities are offered in partnership with Cornell University, Brown University, and the University of California, San Diego (UCSD).

More information and application forms for all programs can be found at <http://www.kohalacenter.org/scholarships/about.html>, by calling (808) 887-6411 or emailing Erica Perez, eperez@kohalacenter.org.

The programs are:

- **Brown Environmental Leadership Lab (BELL) at Brown University, Sustainable Development**, June 24–July 6; July 8–July 20; and July 22–August 3. Application deadline is February 27. The Kohala Center and Brown University are offering full tuition scholarships for two Hawai‘i Island students. Scholarship recipients must cover their own travel costs. For two-week sessions, students will live at Brown University’s Haffenreffer estate, a 372-acre historic farm adjacent to Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island, and learn how human demands on the environment often compromise long-term ecosystem health—and about the policies, practices, and emerging technologies that can help reduce humankind’s ecological impact. Mentored by Brown faculty, graduate, and undergraduate students, participants will also develop leadership skills to tackle pressing environmental problems in their home communities. Find out more at <http://www.kohalacenter.org/bell.html>.
- **CURIE and CATALYST engineering academies at Cornell University**, July 15–21. Application deadline is February 3. The Kohala Center is offering two full tuition scholarships to qualified high school students to attend either the CURIE Academy or the CATALYST Academy, both hosted by the Diversity Programs in Engineering at Cornell. Qualified applicants may apply for one or both of the programs. Scholarship recipients must cover their own travel costs. Applicants must submit their scholarship application form directly to The Kohala Center.

The CURIE Academy is a one-week residential engineering program for high school girls who excel in math and science and want to learn more about opportunities in engineering in an interactive atmosphere. Cornell University's faculty and graduate students will lead CURIE participants in classes, lab sessions, and project research. Rising sophomore, junior, or senior

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girls with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 are eligible to apply. Find out more at http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/diversity/summer/high_school/curie/index.cfm.

The CATALYST Academy for rising high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors is a one-week summer residential engineering program, during which the university's faculty and graduate students lead participants in classes, lab sessions, and project research. Scholarship applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale. Find out more at http://www.engineering.cornell.edu/diversity/summer/high_school/catalyst/index.cfm.

- **UCSD Academic Connections**, July 8–28. Application deadline is March 26. UCSD and The Kohala Center are currently offering one full tuition scholarship to a qualified high school student to attend the Academic Connections program in San Diego. Scholarship recipient must cover his/her own travel costs. Academic Connections at the UCSD is a three-week pre-college summer academic and residential experience targeted to college-bound high school students, grades 9-12. Students will experience courses taught by UCSD graduate students or work side-by-side with UCSD researchers in their labs on specific projects. Find out more at <http://academicconnections.ucsd.edu/application/index.cfm>.

- **UCSD Academic Connections—Hawai'i**, July 10–17 and August 6–13. Application deadline is March 25. UCSD is offering two full tuition scholarships to qualified high school students to attend the Academic Connections program in Hawai'i. *Alaka'i i ka Mālama Honua* "A Leader in Caring for the Earth" course is made possible by a UCSD and Kohala Center partnership. This one-week pre-college summer academic experience for college-bound high school students in grades 9-12 examines the diverse ecosystem and climate zones of Hawai'i Island. Students will travel around the island studying geology, volcanology, marine science, and Hawaiian history.

Find out more at <http://academicconnections.ucsd.edu/application/index.cfm>. Applicants must submit their scholarship application form directly to The Kohala Center, P.O. Box 437462, Kamuela, Hawai'i, 96743, or (fax) 808-885-6707.