
Scholarships offered for Cornell and Brown summer programs

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The Kohala Center invites high school students to apply for scholarships to summer engineering and environmental science programs at Cornell and Brown universities.

Applications are due Feb. 28 for the Cornell CATALYST Academy's one-week residential engineering program and for the Brown University Environmental Leadership Lab, or BELL, this summer.

The CATALYST Academy offers students classroom experience, lab sessions and project research in engineering and related disciplines. Social events, panel discussions and other out-of-classroom activities provide participants with opportunities to network informally with Cornell faculty, staff and students. The academy is July 19 to 25 on Cornell's campus in Ithaca, N.Y.

Applicants to the academy must be current freshmen, sophomores or juniors, have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and have completed required Algebra II and science courses.

The Kohala Center, through the Earl E. Bakken Science and Engineering Scholarship Program, is offering two partial scholarships for qualifying Hawaii Island applicants to travel to and attend this summer's CATALYST Academy. Application instructions and forms are available at <http://www.kohalacenter.org/catalyst>. All application and scholarship materials should be submitted to the Kohala Center by Feb. 28.

Scholarships are also available for three sessions of BELL: BELL Sustainable Development, June 28 to July 10 and July 12 to 25 and BELL Field Ecology, July 26 to Aug. 7.

BELL students learn and live outdoors at Brown's 372-acre historic Haffenreffer Estate farm on Narragansett Bay in Rhode Island and participate in a full program of study focusing on the natural environment and developing the leadership skills they need to tackle pressing environmental problems in their home communities. For more information on the BELL programs, visit <http://www.brown.edu/scs/pre-college/leadership>.

The Kohala Center, through the Earl E. Bakken Scholarship Program, is working with Brown University to offer two partial scholarships to travel to and attend BELL. Download all application materials at <http://www.kohalacenter.org/bellRI.html> or call the Kohala Center at 887-6411 to request an application. The deadline for all applications is Feb. 28.

All BELL application and scholarship materials should be submitted to the Kohala Center.

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