



## **FHS 2022 Internship Program**

### **About Friends of Ha'ikū Stairs:**

The Friends of Ha'ikū Stairs (FHS) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 1987. We are a volunteer-based community group whose mission is to protect the historic Ha'ikū Stairs and its environment for current and future generations. Our members are passionate about history, ecology, cultural integrity, and outdoor recreation. We are committed to responsible stewardship of the Ha'ikū Valley in Windward O'ahu, Hawai'i. FHS seeks to advance its mission through advocacy, media engagement, fundraising, and community outreach.

Visit [haikustairs.org](http://haikustairs.org) for more information on FHS and [savehaikustairs.com](http://savehaikustairs.com) to learn more about our campaign to save the Ha'ikū Stairs.

### **About the Internship:**

Our Fall 2022 cohort will gain hands-on experience working at a grassroots community advocacy organization. Interns will select one or more research projects that they will lead under the supervision of FHS staff members as well as complete project assessments. Projects can range from environmental research to community advocacy to data utilization. Interns will also participate in outreach activities, volunteer events, media relations, and educational opportunities. Interns will receive one-on-one mentorship from FHS staff as well as academic and professional development workshop days.

### **Minimum Qualifications/Expectations:**

- Supports the FHS mission
- Interest in the policy issues connected to the Ha'ikū Stairs
- Passionate about advocacy and community engagement
- Self-motivated individual
- Good communicator with strong interpersonal skills
- Able to work both independently and in a team setting
- Able to work in hot/humid conditions for 4-5 hours
- Able to lift and carry 30-40 pounds
- Fully vaccinated (2 weeks after receiving the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna OR 2 weeks after receiving Johnson & Johnson)

### **Internship Benefits:**

- Gain insight and experience in environmental issues and community advocacy

- Cultivate marketable skills to enhance your academic and professional career
- Create impactful projects for the benefit of the organization
- Experience the importance of community relationship building in advocacy work
- Build relationships with other local nonprofits, network with professionals in the nonprofit field, and connect with community members
- Work in a casual environment with flexible hours
- Contribute to grassroots efforts and see the power of community at work

**Hours:** Hours are relatively flexible (class schedules/requirements will be taken into consideration), but 10-15 hours/week is standard with some weekend work required.

**Duration:** The internship program runs from October 4 to December 11, 2022.

**Compensation:** This position offers a stipend of up to \$1500 upon the completion of the program as well as the additional option of academic credit where applicable.

**Application Process:** Please email your resume, cover letter, and contact information to Ellie Ramirez at [info@haikustairs.org](mailto:info@haikustairs.org) and mention if you would like to use this internship for academic credit. Deadline for submission is **Wednesday, September 28, 2022.**