



FHS Summer 2023 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 for more information on FHS and savehaikustairs.com to learn more about our campaign to save the Ha'ikū Stairs.

About the Internship:

Our Summer 2023 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. Projects can range from 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.

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 lift and carry at least 30 lbs. at a time
- Able to occasionally work in hot/humid conditions for a couple hours at a time
- Fully vaccinated (2 weeks after receiving the second dose of Pfizer or Moderna OR 2 weeks after receiving Johnson & Johnson)

Desired Qualifications:

- Interest in public policy, political mobilization, and community outreach
- Familiar with Hawaiian culture and protocols

- From/have ties to the Windward community

Internship Benefits:

- Gain insight and experience in environmental issues, community advocacy, and public policy
- 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 various fields, 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, but 10-15 hours/week is standard with some weekend work required. This is a hybrid position with remote work and in-person events.

Duration: The internship program runs from June 5 to August 16, 2023.

Compensation: This position offers a stipend of up to \$1,500 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 info@haikustairs.org and mention if you would like to use this internship for academic credit. Deadline for submission is **Monday, May 22, 2023**.