

KUPA 'ĀINA FRESHMAN BRIDGE PROGRAM INFORMATION

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**All application materials should be submitted online or postmarked December 16, 2016.
Documents received after this deadline will have secondary consideration.
Program Duration: June 19 – July 29, 2017.**

DESCRIPTION

The Kupa 'Āina Freshman Bridge Program is a six-week, credit-bearing summer residential experience funded by and in partnership with Kamehameha Schools and the University of Hawai'i. Our intent is to increase the representation of local students in Natural Resource and/or STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) pathways. Accepted students will enroll in college-level English and Math courses and will learn about Hawaiian culture and protocol. Students will also participate in 'āina-based learning activities at various Kamehameha Schools sites around Hawai'i Island to understand their historical, cultural, and geographical significance while interacting with Hawaiian cultural practitioners and other living resources. Additionally, students will have access to academic advising, counseling, tutoring, career readiness experiences, and various self-development activities designed to enhance and increase freshman-year success.

This program is provided at no cost to student participants that include tuition, course materials, supplies, room, board, and related expenses for all program activities.

ELIGIBILITY

Priority consideration will be given to students who meet the following criteria:

- Graduating seniors from Kea'au HS, Pāhoā HS, Ka'ū and Hawai'i Island Charter Schools
- Accepted into or planning to attend the University of Hawai'i at Hilo or Hawai'i Community College
- Intend to major and/or minor in natural resources and/or STEM subject areas

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Potential and accepted student participants will need to:

- Complete a placement test for Math and English. (We will coordinate a testing date with your high school.)
- Attend a program orientation in the Spring
- Reside at UH Hilo for the duration of the six-week program
- Attend all classes and program activities