The Kupa ‘Āina Transfer bridge program, is a 6 week, credit-bearing residential program hosted by Kamehameha Schools and the UH Hilo Office of the Chancellor and Kipuka Native Hawaiian Student Center to increase the representation of Native Hawaiians in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields.

Participants will enroll in selected STEM courses and participate in problem and ʻĀina based applied research activities at various learning sites around the island. In addition, participants will have access to advising counseling, and tutoring and facilitate activities to develop their leadership and mentoring skills.

If you are…
- Transferring from Hawai‘i and Kapi‘olani Community Colleges
- Majoring in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) fields
- Accepted into or planning to attend the University of Hawaii at Hilo in Fall 2016

Located at UH Hilo campus opportunity to know Hawaii island through excursions and overnights

Develop a cultural understanding of Hawaii island through Guest lecturers and capstone projects apply STEM skills to Hawaii island wahi pana.

Requirements to Participate

Students are expected to:
- Attend an orientation
- Reside on the UH Hilo campus for six-weeks
- Attend and satisfactorily complete all classes and activities
  - IS 394: Applied Research, 4 credits
- Participate in selected co-curricular activities offered in the evenings and weekends

Required Forms:
Students must submit all application materials by the priority deadline of May 15, 2016. All documents received after the priority deadline will have secondary consideration.

Electronic forms available on website: http://kipuka.uhh.hawaii.edu/
- Application
- Recommendation Form

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