New Mālama Ahupua’a Law Fellowship  
Summer 2010

The Hawai‘i Community Stewardship Network (HCSN), Harold K. L. Castle Foundation, and the Environmental Law Program are pleased to announce a new summer law fellowship: the Mālama Ahupua’a Law Fellowship.

HCSN empowers communities in Hawai‘i to improve their quality of life through caring for their environmental heritage. HCSN works with more than 20 communities around the state to improve management of the islands’ critically important natural and cultural resources. The Harold K. L. Castle Foundation supports community-based near-shore marine conservation throughout the state. The law firm of Alston, Hunt, Floyd & Ing will provide pro bono supervision of the Fellow.

The Summer 2010 Mālama Ahupua’a Law Fellowship will strengthen HCSN’s support to communities through legal research that helps communities’ efforts to mālama ʻāina in their ahupua’a. The Mālama Ahupua’a Law Fellow will work in HCSN’s downtown Honolulu office and will focus on legal research of interest to community-based managers. The Fellowship supports students seeking to explore career opportunities in non-profit or government agency settings and to apply the law to locally meaningful conservation efforts. The Fellowship provides a salary of $7000 for an 8-week summer (no benefits).

Preference will be given to 2Ls who are seeking the Environmental Law Certificate. 1Ls with a strong background in marine management or community work may also apply. Applicants should send: (1) a cover letter explaining interest in the position, relevant skills including writing and research experience, previous participation with a conservation organization, and how the fellowship will support their future career goals; (2) a resume with three professional references; and (3) a writing sample (25 pages max). The Fellow must write a self-evaluation report at the end of the summer and prepare a story/photo for the ELP website. Applications are due by email no later than February 15, 2010 to Debbie Gowensmith (debbie@hcsnetwork.org). The selection committee includes Ms. Gowensmith, ELP faculty, and the supervising attorney.