

Assistant Specialist (Invasive Plants Control & Mgmt)

Position Number: 83459

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Natural Resources & Environmental Management
Kula, Maui
11 month, tenure track, to begin January 2009

Duties:

Extension: Provide statewide leadership for extension programs in the management and control of invasive plant species affecting natural and managed areas. Develop and implement education programs for stakeholders and staff development for Cooperative Extension and related agencies with interests in invasive species control, prevention, monitoring, management and ecosystem protection and restoration. Disseminate research-based information to public and private stakeholders and articulate stakeholder needs to the research community. Obtain external grant funding to support extension and research projects.

Research: Collaborate with extension and research faculty in developing a program of study of control methods and management options for mitigating damage caused by invasive plant species to Hawaii's forests, rangeland, pasture, wetlands, public lands and other natural or managed landscapes. Research should include options for cultural, biological and/or chemical controls of invasive species, land management strategies and determination of the severity and consequences of non-native plant species invasions. Advise graduate students and serve on graduate committees.

Minimum qualifications: Ph.D. in an academic field emphasizing ecology, weed science, natural resources, rangeland or forestry management, ecosystem restoration, or related areas. At least three (3) years of experience in research, teaching, or outreach in invasive species management at the next lower rank or its equivalent. Academic preparation and formal course work, and/or professional experience consistent with the subject areas of extension and research stated above. Excellent communication skills.

Desirable qualifications: Research or extension experience in invasive species management or control, preferably in tropical, subtropical or island environments. Knowledge of grazing or forest systems management. Demonstrated ability to develop and lead educational programs on a regional basis and to work in multidisciplinary teams. Record of successful grant preparation and administration.

To apply: Submit a letter of application that addresses your career objectives and how you meet the stated minimum and desirable qualifications. Attach a detailed CV, academic transcripts from undergraduate and graduate schools attended, and a list of three references with mail and email addresses, telephone and fax numbers.

Application address:

Dr. Ali Fares, Chair of Invasive Species Search Committee
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Electronic copies of all application materials should be submitted to nrem@ctahr.hawaii.edu.

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Continuous recruitment: Review of applications will begin on Aug-29-2008 and will continue until the position is filled.

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