Partner Organization Project Proposal
Conservation Leadership through Learning - Colorado State University

Thank you for your interest in CLTL. We are excited to work with you to develop Capstone Project opportunities for our students. Please read through our Project Partner webpage, and then fill out this project interest form to propose your project ideas and email it to Terra.Smith@colostate.edu.

Organization Information
Organization Name: Conservation International Hawaii
Primary Contact: Lida Teneva
Office Phone Number: Alternate Phone Number:
Primary Contact Email:

Capstone Project Information
Students will participate in coursework at CSU from August 2016 to May 2017. Capstone project fieldwork will commence June 2017 and be completed by October 1, with all deliverables completed by December 1, 2017.

✔ Please check this box to acknowledge these dates.

Brief Project Description:
The mission of CI Hawai‘i is to restore seafood security in Hawai‘i, by engaging fisheries and communities to protect their natural capital, fostering effective governance by increasing the effectiveness of natural resource management, and promoting the sustainable production, distribution, and consumption of locally sourced, sustainable seafood. To meet this challenge, we build on a strong foundation of knowledge to develop strategic partnerships for, provide technical assistance to, conduct research on, and invest program funds in projects that strengthen the sustainable production, distribution, and consumption of seafood in Hawai‘i.

Below are the project criteria. Please check each criterion the project would likely meet.

✔ Community-based: on-the-ground work at a community/regional level, including interactions with and/or exposure to local decision-makers and/or stakeholders
✔ Multi-disciplinary: analysis and investigation of a conservation issue through multiple lenses (e.g., ecological, economic, social, political)
✔ Cross-cultural: opportunities for students to interact with individuals and/or in a culture vastly different than their own
✔ Networking: opportunities for students to interact with other conservation professionals

Capstone projects should provide opportunities for students to apply knowledge from their CLTL coursework. Please check the topics the proposed project would address:

☐ Biodiversity ☐ Systems thinking
✔ Governance/Decision-making ☐ Policy
☐ Facilitation ☐ Ecosystem services
✔ Spatial analysis ☐ Collaborative conservation
✔ Social science research methods ☐ Ecological research methods
✔ Multi-level views of conservation ☐ Outreach
Students are required to provide their project partner with a professional-level deliverable (e.g., management plan, technical report, communication materials, set of policy briefs, series of podcasts, etc.). Please provide a brief description of potential deliverables for your project:

Will depend on the specific project on sustainable seafood, supply chains, fisheries improvement projects, community fisheries, aquaculture (fishpond restoration), and integrated ridge-to-reef management projects.

Please describe the project team, including who the student(s) would likely work with at the project site or if it would be mostly independent:

The student will work closely with our program managers, scientists, and the director.

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**Project Details**

Project location (city, state/province, country): Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

Desired Number of Students: Min 1 Max 2

Please indicate in-kind support, if any, the student would receive (check all that apply):

☐ Room and board during fieldwork
☐ Translators
☐ Travel to/from U.S. to project location
☐ Additional support

Please describe:

Please elaborate on any of the checked items above:

☑ I could potentially cover some travel within/between islands, depending on how much travel is required to fulfill the project.

**Preferred/Required skills and experience of the student(s):**

Language proficiency: ☐ Preferred ☑ Required Specify language: English

Technical skills: ☐ Preferred ☐ Required

Please specify: Dependent on project needs

Prior experience in country/region: ☑ Preferred ☐ Required

Please describe the connectivity at project site (e.g., internet access, mobile phone coverage):

Regular office environment with occasional day trips into the field.

Additional Comments:

Thank you for proposing a CLTL Capstone Project. We will contact you with any further questions about the proposed projects. If you have questions, please feel free to contact us at Terra.Smith@colostate.edu. We look forward to working with you.