



## NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

### ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNALISM FELLOWSHIP

Program Operation: May 12-17, 2008  
Deadline to Apply: March 1, 2008  
Notification of Acceptance: March 8, 2008

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Environmental Journalism Fellowship provides working journalists in broadcast, print and online media much-needed information about tropical ecosystems, providing deep background in tropical ecology to enhance the accuracy of reporting on environmental issues. Including a historic estate, ancient Hawaiian cultural sites, and botanical collections extending back to the period of Hawaiian royalty in the late 1800s, the National Tropical Botanical Garden offers a rich living classroom in which to teach basic concepts in tropical biology, indigenous use of plants for medicine, as well as the ecology of tropical fauna—the Garden is a nesting site for both threatened green sea turtles and endangered water birds.



The focus of the fellowship is immersion and not advocacy; the intent is to increase the depth of the overall reporting and not only to provide source material for current news stories. Upon completion of the course, fellows will not only have gained authority to better cover environmental issues in general but will also have contributed to an annually accumulating handbook for reporting on tropical ecological issues.



Lodging, airport transfer, ground transportation, and meals are provided. Journalists are responsible for their own airfare to Lihū'e, Kaua'i, Hawai'i. Please accompany your application with two samples of your most recently published work in print, audio, or video clip or indicate a news website showing your current work.

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The mission of the National Tropical Botanical Garden is to enrich life through discovery, scientific research, conservation, and education by perpetuating the survival of plants, ecosystems, and cultural knowledge of tropical regions. [www.ntbg.org](http://www.ntbg.org)