



NATIONAL TROPICAL BOTANICAL GARDEN

SCIENCE TEACHERS' ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Program Operation: June 23-July 5, 2008
Deadline to Apply: March 14, 2008
Notification of Acceptance: March 21, 2008

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The National Tropical Botanical Garden (NTBG) in partnership with Kaua'i Community College, University of Hawai'i will conduct a Science Teachers' Enrichment Program in Kaua'i, Hawai'i. Science teachers selected to participate in the course may be awarded up to three academic credits through the Department of Education Teacher Development Program or the University of Hawai'i.

The NTBG is mandated to serve as a resource for unique educational experiences that would inspire student interest in science education. This program will enhance teachers' knowledge of current information about tropical biology and equip them with innovative techniques to teach their classes using an inquiry-based approach. Teachers will construct instructional modules and devote significant time to preparing "science kits" consisting of classroom manipulatives, inquiry-based learning experiences, and provide information for an interactive website that will be made available to all teachers and students in the State of Hawai'i and to be used nationally.

Applications must include:

- Two letters of recommendation.
- Complete curriculum vitae.
- A non-refundable \$30 USD application fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to the National Tropical Botanical Garden.

Participants will be responsible for their own airfare to/from Kaua'i, Hawai'i. The NTBG will cover accommodations and meals, course materials, ground transportation, plus a \$700 stipend awarded upon successful completion of the course.

All high school and middle school science teachers are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and apply directly to:

Science Teachers' Enrichment Program
c/o Director of Education
National Tropical Botanical Garden
3530 Papalina Road
Kalaheo, HI 96741 USA

Tel: (808) 332-7324, ext. 225 or 251
Fax: (808) 332-9765
Email: education@ntbg.org
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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.