

VISTA Assignment Description (VAD)

Title: Kupu Community Resilience VISTA - Kauai Community College

Sponsoring Organization: Kupu
Project Name: Kupu
Project Number: 17VSPHI003
Project Period: 04/15/2018 - 04/13/2019

Site Name (if applicable): Kauai Community College (Lihue, HI)

Focus Area(s)

Primary: Environmental Stewardship
Secondary:

VISTA Assignment Objectives and Member Activities

Goal of the Project: The Kupu Community Resilience VISTA will work with University of Hawaii Sustainability Office to coordinate sustainability efforts in Cultural Connections, Campus & Community Engagement, Research, Teaching & Learning, and Operations on campus as outlined in UH Sustainability Policy (EP 4.202). Effective coordination requires working across relevant disciplines, with multiple campus stakeholders and a diverse array of students. UH Sustainability Coordinator VISTA members will build data collection and metrics systems, increase campus and community engagement, assist with building partnerships and resources for their campuses, and integrate cultural values into campus practices.

Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: April 2019 - April 2020*)

Coordinate between UH Sustainability Office and campus faculty and staff.

Member Activity: Develop, catalog, and coordinate connections to service-learning activities

Member Activity: Connect faculty to resources about Hawaiian culture and practices to inspire and motivate youth

Member Activity: Support campus sustainability committees to integrate Hawaiian culture and practices into all aspects of sustainability

Member Activity: Develop on campus projects and off-site activities for student groups interested in sustainability work.

Member Activity: Share opportunities about sustainability programs to youth

Member Activity: Assist faculty in connecting with student sustainability groups on campus

Member Activity: Assist faculty with natural resource curriculum (learning journeys), including planning and leading off-site field trips and activities, and coordinating guest speakers

Member Activity: Support student sustainability clubs on campus

Member Activity: Connect faculty and student groups to community leaders/speakers.

Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: April 2019 - April 2020*)

Assist with campus Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) research and reporting and self-assessments by gathering relevant data on facilities, curriculum, community and cultural engagement in sustainability;

Member Activity: Document processes, ensure long-term viability of data gathering and reporting.

Member Activity: Develop long-term communication and reporting protocols

Member Activity: Develop and implement reporting systems

Objective of the Assignment (*Period of Performance: April 2019 - April 2020*)

Support and improve ongoing campus sustainability events

Member Activity: Seek and secure additional funding and/or sponsorships for events.

Member Activity: Work with UH System Office of Sustainability to coordinate campus sustainability efforts with broader system-wide sustainability initiatives

Member Activity: Document coordinated events with photographs, such as field trips and guest speakers (submit to Environmental Education Leadership Program Coordinator and Program Manager)

Member Activity: Coordinate campus Earth Day activities each Spring, and submit blog about event including pictures

Member Activity: Coordinate a Collaboration Day each Fall, and submit blog about event including pictures