Aloha!

Spring is just around the corner and with it comes new beginnings and for many, a fresh start. The Huaka‘i initiative was launched a year ago with a very simple vision: To encourage and inspire youth to pursue careers in healthcare and science by connecting students, educators, advisors with JABSOM faculty and community health partners to build pathways for those interested in health and science. As we leap into this new spring season, we will continue to cultivate fresh opportunities for our youth.

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Summer is coming fast... If you haven’t decided just yet, take a look at some pre-health opportunities in store for you!

Click the link to check out our summer opportunities flyer!

DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know applying to medical schools costs A LOT of money? Depending on how many schools you send your application to, it can easily cost more than $1000!

While it may be years away, we suggest saving and budgeting when you can!

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After a very successful Huakaʻi Symposium in 2023, JABSOM followed up with a Teacher Workshop on February 22, 2024. Twenty-five teachers from around the state joined us on campus for a full day workshop, focused on integrating clinical cases with their current curriculum. The teachers got to participate in a clinical scenario and experience the different health care roles in our SimTiki Simulation Center. They also learned how to use simulation to teach a clinical skill to their students. The teachers rotated through stations in the Anatomy lab and got ideas on how to incorporate technology to make anatomy fun and interactive.

Mahalo to the teachers and our partners in the DOE, SimTiki Simulation Center, Department of Anatomy, and AHEC! Looking forward to what 2025 will bring!
JABSOM UPCOMING EVENTS...

Nā Hōkū Hanohano Award-winning musician Kamakakēhau Fernandez will also be performing
The Department of Tropical Medicine, Medical Microbiology, and Pharmacology offers several programs for students underrepresented in education to enter UH Manoa and to increase their interest in research. The Pathway for Pacific Islanders (PAPI) program aims to provide services dedicated to Pacific Islanders to help them thrive and excel in academics and STEM-related subjects. High school and community college students are eligible.

The program provides the following activities:
- Outreach and Workshops - Summer Bridge Program **
- Financial and Scholarships Assistance
- Teaching Assistance and Mentoring
- Enrollment, Retention, and Graduation Success

Once enrolled in UH Manoa (or other college), underrepresented students are eligible to participate in research training programs at JABSOM with goals of encouraging them to pursue research careers including graduate school.

The Minority Health Research Training program is an 8 month mentored research training program that includes out of state (international) research experience and open to any student enrolled in US accredited college or university.

Maximizing Access to Research Careers is for UH Manoa students underrepresented in STEM majors to conduct 2 years of mentored research, with stipend and partial tuition support.

** The upcoming 2024 Summer Bridge Program:
June 02, 2024 – June 08, 2024
Applications available online

The inaugural cohort of the Pathway for the Advancement of Pacific Islanders (PAPI). Courtesy photo.

For more information and/or to work with our PAPI team, contact Angela Sy at sya@hawaii.edu

Visit their website
Hawaii INBRE Program
Supporting Undergraduate Biomedical Research and Education Throughout Hawaii

Funded by a $21.3 million award by the National Institutes of Health, the Hawaii INBRE program seeks to encourage undergraduate students to pursue a biomedical science career through our PATHway Activity program, which offers students research opportunities, mentoring workshops and workforce development. INBRE awards students up to $1500 per semester for participating in research projects, while providing students with valuable professional development resources.

We fund undergraduate student researchers at campuses statewide, including: UH Manoa, UH Hilo, Chaminade University, Hawaii Pacific University, UH West Oahu, UH Maui College, Kapiolani Community College, Leeward Community College, and Windward Community

More information on the Hawaii INBRE Program, visit http://inbre.jabsom.hawaii.edu/

Or contact us at INBRE@hawaii.edu

Follow us on Social Media!
Whether you are looking to apply to UH Manoa or looking at other universities, anyone can attend our upcoming pre-health workshops!

Together we will cover how to apply to different health professional schools, learning more about different programs at UHM and JABSOM, as well as determining if a gap year is the way to go!

Unable to make it? Check out our Presentation Library that hold past workshop presentation slides and videos!

Oahu Teen Health Camp was held on February 17, 2024 at JABSOM. We had nearly 100 high school students from around the island gathered on campus this annual FREE 1-day event. High school students learned hands-on clinical skills like suturing, casting, and CPR. This annual event is held on each island and is open to all high school students 9th-12th grade interested in health careers! Workshops are taught by JABSOM medical students and volunteer health professionals. Mark your calendars for Teen Health Camp Spring 2025!
GET CONNECTED...

The Hawaii Pre-Health Career Corps (PHCC) is a free year-round program for students of any age who want to pursue a health career. Its purpose is to increase awareness about health careers, provide mentoring, shadowing and research experiences, and provide campus exposure to health careers. This program is for students who live in Hawaii or have ties to Hawaii.

Graduating high school students!

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