Graduate Research Studies in Tropical Hardwood Tree Improvement
and Restoration in Hawaii
through
Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University in conjunction with the Sloan Scholarship Program

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Overview: The Alfred P. Sloan Scholarship program for Hawaiian-Pacific Islander graduate education is associated with the Tecumseh Project (http://www.purdue.edu/eas/tecumseh/index.htm) at Purdue University. The Scholarship program is designed to recruit students of Native American heritage into graduate programs in areas including science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Once a student is admitted and has decided to attend Purdue University, students can apply directly to the Sloan Foundation for an MS or PhD assistantship. In addition to stipend support provided by a specific college and department (averaging around $16,500 per year for MS and $18,500 per year for PhD), the Sloan Scholarship offers an additional stipend that will bring the total stipend to $25,000 per year. Purdue University also provides a tuition waiver and health care benefits. Prospective students must identify a major professor at Purdue University, and then co-develop a research program that may involve research on issues in the student’s homeland or elsewhere. We envision that students will return to their native lands following completion of their academic training and use their educational experiences to help further empower their communities.