Seed Storage Technician – Maui  Closing date: January 23, 2020

POSITION OVERVIEW

Maui Nui Botanical Gardens, Inc. is seeking a qualified candidate to maintain and manage MNBG’s native Hawaiian seed storage projects, develop partnerships with conservation restoration sites, and coordinate the use of stored seeds and seed-banked plants with partner organizations. Duties include developing project and species lists for conservation seed banking, seeking landowner permission and negotiating written Memorandums of Understanding with landowners, making collection trips to acquire seeds or other propagules, maintaining accession records, and overseeing germination testing, drying, processing, labeling, and long-term storage of seeds and plants for future use according to terms agreed upon by landowners. May on occasion interpret the plant collection and conservation projects for visitors.

SCHEDULE

Part-time, 24 hours weekly

Weekday and Saturday availability preferred. We are willing to work around the applicant’s primary job schedule.

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Bachelor’s Degree or higher from an accredited four (4) year college or university in botany, agriculture, natural resources, or similar field, and at least two years related experience.

- Knowledge of native Hawaiian flora including threatened and endangered species and restoration techniques for native plants. Ability to distinguish and identify Native Hawaiian and Polynesian-introduced plant species and Hawaiian endangered plant species in the field.

- Excellent communication skills.

- Ability to hike and navigate in natural areas safely with or without others.

- Working knowledge of computers including word processing, spreadsheets, and databases.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Previous experience with plant propagation and wild seed collection and storage.

- Familiarity with conservation organizations and government agencies currently working with endangered species in Hawai‘i.

- Knowledge of Hawaiian culture, traditions, practices, and/or language.

COMPENSATION

$18/hr with benefits and paid time off. At-will employment with funding ending December 31, 2020.

To apply, please email the following to tamara@mnbg.org:

1) cover letter; 2) resume including 3 work references.