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Science Camps of America has announced it is the recipient of a grant from the Atherton Family Foundation to provide full scholarships for Native Hawaiian students to attend its highly-regarded summer science camp based in Pāhala, Hawai'i.

The grant, administered through the Hawai'i Community Foundation, fulfills one of the organization's primary goals: to provide immersive science learning experiences that will inspire and encourage more Native Hawaiian students to pursue STEM careers. "We hope that our programs will help create a future in which Native Hawaiians are much better represented in our state's STEM professional community, and we are honored that the Atherton Family has chosen our program for these students," said Science Camps of America Executive Director Michael Richards.

*Science Camp for Teens Hawai'i* is open to all students ages 13-17 who are entering grades 8-12 in the fall. There are two ten-day overnight sessions. *Land & Sea Camp* is held from July 1-10 and *Air & Space Camp* from July 11-20. The camp is attended by students from throughout the Hawaiian Islands, the continent, and worldwide. Each session is filled with science activities and field trips to destinations around the island.

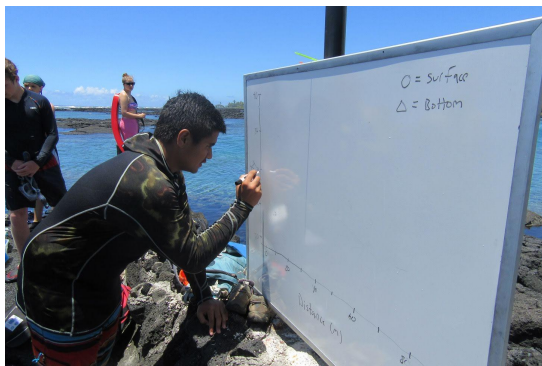
Native Hawaiian students interested in applying for one of these scholarships may apply online at <https://scicamp.org/atherton>. Other interested students may apply for one of the organization's other scholarships at <https://scicamp.org/scholarship>.

Science Camps of America is a Hawai'i based 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2012 to create informal science learning experiences for middle and high school students. For more information about Science Camps of America and its programs, please visit <https://scicamp.org>.

The Atherton Family Foundation is one of the largest endowed grantmaking private resources in the state of Hawaii devoted exclusively to the support of charitable activities. It perpetuates the philanthropic commitment expressed during the lifetimes of Juliette M. Atherton and Frank C. Atherton, and of the family who have followed them.

## Photos

Please note: high resolution versions are available upon request.



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1. After collecting water samples off-shore, campers chart the data.
2. Campers learn to measure sea level rise using surveying equipment.



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3. Campers learn to measure sea level rise using surveying equipment.
4. Campers help restore Native Hawaiian water systems.



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5. Campers from Hawai'i share the art of lei-making with new friends from afar.
6. Campers compile data at a beach cleanup at South Point.