

SOEST Communications and Outreach Traineeship: Benefitting Staff, Students, Community

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Natalia Gauer Pasqualon presenting a talk on Hawaiian volcanoes to Mid-Pacific Institute students.

SOEST provides academic pathways for the next generation of geoscience professionals and leaders and is engaged in research that is impactful and relevant to our community. To provide professional development opportunities for SOEST staff and graduate students and enhance and broaden our communications and outreach efforts, this project seeks to fund two communications and outreach trainees. This will provide a professional development opportunity for (1) the project lead, a Women-in-SOEST and SOEST staff member, to gain additional experience supervising and mentoring and (2) the graduate students trainees to plan and conduct outreach with community members and K-12 students and refine their communication skills with non-technical audiences. Additionally, through these engagement opportunities, the trainees will share principles of ocean, earth, atmospheric, and space science; the latest discoveries from SOEST researchers; and college and career pathways with K-12 students, community college, and other members of the O'ahu and/or virtual community. Specific emphasis will be placed on engaging with groups that have been historically underrepresented in STEM fields.