STATE OF HAWAII
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MĀNOA
HAWAI‘INUIA‘EA SCHOOL OF HAWAIIAN KNOWLEDGE

FUNCTIONAL STATEMENT

The mission of the Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge is to pursue, perpetuate, research, and revitalize all areas and forms of Hawaiian knowledge, including its language, origin, history, arts, sciences, literature, religion, and education; its laws and society; its political, medicinal, and cultural practices; as well as all other forms of knowledge. We recognize the unique status of the Native Hawaiian people and recognize their unique connection to these forms of knowledge by encouraging, supporting, facilitating, and ensuring this incorporation of Native Hawaiians at all levels of the University. We seek to accomplish this mission with a Native Hawaiian perspective that recognizes the holistic aspects of this knowledge, its diversities, and the importance of practical applications. Our mission is to apply this knowledge to provide service and support to the Hawaiian community, as well as extending this knowledge outward from the academy and the community into the Pacific and other international domains.

The School offers Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Hawaiian and Hawaiian Studies and a certificate in Hawaiian Language. In addition, it operates the Ka Pūpu’u Lolo Kīnawale Cultural Garden.

A. Office of the Dean

The Dean’s Office will serve as an administrative head of Hawai‘inuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge, working in consultation with the ‘Ahia Kūhina in all of the following functions:

- Plans, organizes, directs, and coordinates the activities, curricular, personnel, and budget affairs of the school and its ancillary support components including budget and personal management, staff supervision, community relations, governance, and travel.
- Articulates and conveys to faculty, staff, students, and others the school’s basic values, direction goals, and strategies.

B. Kamakakōlōkahi Center for Hawaiian Studies

Kamakakōlōkahi offers both Bachelor and Master degrees in Hawaiian Studies. The center creates and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in Hawaiian arts and sciences that are known for their focus on history and culture, traditional Hawaiian agriculture, botany, and aquaculture, the environment and natural resources management; Native Hawaiian rights and Western law; and training in Hawai’i’s Hawaiian herbal medicine. Social, economic, and political issues, performing and visual arts, and comparative Polynesian culture. The center provides students academic advising and study resources including computers and a library.

Kamakakōlōkahi promotes and conducts research in its curriculum’s subject areas; acquires and manages grants; trains researchers and houses research projects within its facility. These include the Kā‘ī Lī Anna Cedan Land Research Project and Kā‘ī Lī Kū Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Research Project.

C. Kamakakōlōkahi Center for Hawaiian Language

Kamakakōlahi offers Bachelor and Master degrees in Hawaiian and an undergraduate certificate. The center conducts research in the fields of study and offers four years of language study as well as courses on immersion education, curriculum development, and topics of interest to Hawaiian cultural traditions.

In partnership with the College of Education (COE), Kamakakōlahi trains teachers for Hawaiian immersion schools, public schools with Hawaiian language courses, Hawaiian charter schools, and the UH Mānoa program.

The faculty and staff of Kamakakōlahi create and implement projects and programs that promote Hawaiian language, culture, history, and traditions such as: Ka Hula Honokamoea, Holulanihi Institute for Native Hawaiian and Indigenous Education, Ho‘ōpūpūti: Hawaiian Newspapers Resources, Kauhualākaha, Ka Ola Lōhia, Ka Pūpu’u Lolo, Mary Kawasaw Puna Hale, Ka Wāhina a ka Aloha, and Ola na ‘Iliai.
D. Ka Papa Lo'i o Kīnawal Cultural Garden

Ka Papa Lo'i o Kīnawal Cultural Garden assists in, and supports, educational research and curriculum development while fully embracing the traditional Hawaiian values and practices that revived this historic land of Kīnawal. Kīnawal is a refuge to all who come to partake of its resources, be they educational groups, classes, or community entities seeking information and knowledge through tours or hands-on experience, by providing cultural education ranging from akupa'a traditional resource management, Hawaiian scientific land tenure, ma ama na ho'ohi'i, and water concerns, to the application of traditional Hawaiian values in caring for the lo'i and garden on a daily basis.

As the foremost "Tui'aki" in Hawai'i, Kīnawal provides consultation, assistance and assistance to other lo'i farmers through the information gathered in its research routine.