The Lyon Arboretum is under the leadership of the Director who reports to the Vice Chancellor for Research. The Arboretum facilitates and supports research and instruction in botany, horticulture, forestry, natural resource management, the conservation of rare native and culturally significant plants, restoration of Hawaiian ecosystems, ethnobotany, conservation biology, and evolution. In pursuing these activities, it provides a needed resource for faculty, students, and the University as a whole. Lyon Arboretum staff and programs seek likewise to contribute to education on Hawaiian sense of place and cultural values. Through tours, workshops and special classes, the Arboretum provides learning opportunities and service activities for school groups (K-12), tourists, Hawaii residents, and the community at large.