

Talofa American Samoa Students!



We invite you to apply to the

Summer Marine Mammal Intensive Learning Experience (SMMILE)



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SMMILE is a fully-funded, 10-day intensive course hosted by the Marine Mammal Research Program at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa. Students will learn about marine mammal science through field trips, guest speakers, and hands-on training while living at the Hawai'i Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB).

June 10 -19, 2025 (overnight)

APPLICATION OPEN: February 1, 2025

APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 31 @ 11:59 PM SST



WHO CAN APPLY?

- Incoming 11th and 12th grade students
- American Samoa resident with U.S. passport



1 student from American Samoa will be selected to join 11 Hawai'i students participating in SMMILE.



COST

SMMILE is completely free! Student lodging, flights, food, and more will be paid for thanks to our generous sponsors!



DAY-TO-DAY

Students will learn about methods used to study marine mammals, conservation, and management through field trips, workshops, training and engaging with local experts!



LODGING

Participants will live at the HIMB on Moku o Lo'e (Coconut Island). Moku o Lo'e is a 28-acre island located in Kāne'ōhe Bay - a 2-minute boat ride from the island of O'ahu, Hawai'i.



Visit the website to apply!



WHY APPLY?

Do you love the ocean? Have you ever been interested in learning more about marine mammals? Would you like to meet 11 new friends from Hawai'i? If so, this program is for you! We are looking for passionate students to apply for the chance to participate in SMMILE and represent American Samoa!



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