What to expect:
• ½ day or full day field trip
• A tour of the facility
• Background lessons on wetland ecology and water quality
• Active, hands-on science experience for your students

Students become scientists as they work in small groups to test their hypothesis. Using professional grade equipment, students will collect pH, nutrient level, turbidity, dissolved oxygen and temperature data from different stages of the treatment process. A microscope lab will allow students to get up close and personal with some of the local residents—plants, fish, shrimp, rotifers, ciliates, worms, algae and more!

We will reconvene to interpret the data collected by the students. Does their data support their predictions?

Who can participate?
Programs are designed for 5th - 12th graders in the State of Hawaii. All programs are tailored to be fun, challenging and age appropriate depending on the participants. Capacity for programs is approximately 30 students.

Cost
All programs are FREE thanks to generous grant from United States Department of Education. We are unable to provide transportation and you must arrange your own.

We are here to serve you!
Our programs are flexible and are here for teachers. If you have any curricular or special needs, let us know! Service Learning opportunities are also available.

Registration
Programs are available year round. To schedule a trip or for more information, please contact:
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STEM Scholars programs are aligned with Hawaii Content and Performance Standards.

Science
Have our program help fulfill the Scientific Process Strand. Your students will use the scientific method to ask questions, make hypothesis and collect and analyze data. Our living laboratories allow students to explore and discover.

Math
Give your students real world math experience covering the Strands of Measurement and Data Analysis, Statistics and Probability. Students use scientific instruments to measure variables and analyze their data for trends to relate to their hypothesis.

Grade level benchmarks are available upon request.
STEM Scholars mission is to positively impact Hawaii’s students in the content areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Using the Hawaiian value of malama ‘āina as a guiding principle, and Wetland Technology as a platform, we seek to make students stewards and scholars of our island home.

Our Programs:

Our inquiry-based science field trips are:

- Hands-on
- Individually adapted to your needs
- Authentic
- HCPS based
- Fun

Students will:

- Formulate hypotheses
- Use professional water quality equipment
- Collect and analyze data

Our Platform...

All of our programs are based around sustainable and eco-friendly alternatives to traditional waste water treatment and remediation. At each of our three sites, constructed wetland technology utilizes biology and ecology to clean and treat waste water.

By utilizing the organic pollution in wastewater as food—organisms create a thriving aquatic ecosystem. The useful by-product is clean water with low levels of dissolved nutrients and pathogenic bacteria that is certified by the state of Hawaii to R-2 reuse standards.