“Joining the Po‘okela Fellows program was definitely one of the best decisions I have made in my life! Being a part of this program has really impacted my life in a positive way. Coming into this internship, I had no idea what to expect, or what I really wanted to do after graduating college. The program has definitely given me a better understanding of my skill set and what my career path is. One of the tasks given to me as an intern was to listen to the community’s concerns, and then to help them resolve it. This was such a rewarding experience, and I’m thankful to get to continue to do the work that I’m passionate about full-time!”

Chamara
MBA Graduate • Hawai‘i Pacific University • Office of the Mayor • 2019 Fellow

“The Po‘okela Fellows program provided a unique opportunity to work in a City and County department. I have grown professionally and learned a lot from my mentor by working on a specific project that impacts my community. As a result of this experience, I am more excited than ever to pursue a career in public service and feel well-equipped. I made meaningful professional relationships that will help me transition into a career after graduation. I am so grateful for this opportunity.”

Jill
Public Health Studies • University of Hawai‘i at Manoa • Office of Climate Change, Sustainability & Resiliency • 2019 Fellow

“College offers you an empty toolbox, but the Po‘okela Fellows program provides you with lifelong tools. While under the supervision of a mentor, the program offered me the opportunity to gain real world IT experience. It was rewarding to take concepts and skills from the classroom and apply them to projects impacting the community we live in. The post-graduation transition from a part-time fellow to full-time employee was effortless. I will always be thankful for this program.”

Travis
Management Information Systems • University of Hawai‘i at Manoa • Department of Information Technology • 2018 Fellow

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REQUIREMENTS

• Enrollment in a Bachelor’s or Master’s degree program
• Completion of 60 credits minimum
• Good academic standing

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