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Pono Pono Peace Initiative

## Current Opportunities

The Ponopono Peace Initiative is excited to announce our second annual student competition for aspiring student peacebuilders.



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# What We Do

The Pono Pono Peace Initiative works to create opportunities to grow the impact of peacebuilding in the Pacific region. This includes:

- Developing projects with community partners
- Supporting students with internships, scholarships, and competitions.
- Organizing workshops, seminars, and trainings for students, professionals, and the community
- Hosting peacebuilding conferences and symposiums that focus on peacebuilding and related topics



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# What Does Pono Pono mean?

In Hawaiian, when two words are placed side by side, their meaning is deepened or emphasized. The Hawaiian concept of "pono" is understood to mean balance and righteousness. "Pono Pono" therefore extends pono to a deeper level and reminds us that to have Pono Pono peace, it is not enough to avoid conflict or do right; we need to do more to create peace. It is not enough to remove the weeds; we must plant the flowers and food of peace. Pono Pono is inspired by a principle similar to positive peace - that it is not just the absence of conflict, but the presence of the attitudes, institutions, and structures that create and sustain peaceful, equitable societies.

