

# East-West Center

## **OBUCHI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

### **2011 APPLICATION INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS**

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The East-West Center promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Established by the U.S. Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options. The Center is an independent, public, non-profit organization with funding from the U.S. government, and additional support provided by private agencies, individuals, foundations, corporations, and governments in the region.

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## **I. OVERVIEW OF THE OBUCHI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

### **The East-West Center**

Since its founding in 1960, when the U.S. Congress established the East-West Center (EWC) as an education and research institution to strengthen relations and understanding among the nations and peoples of Asia, the Pacific and the United States, the Center has promoted the development of a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia Pacific community through programs of cooperative study, training, and research.

The need for regional cooperation and community building among nations has never been greater. This is an era of increasing social, economic, and technological interdependence in which leaders in every arena must possess regional literacy, knowledge based on multi-cultural perspectives, and a shared sense of community.

The thread of cooperative study runs through all of the Center's programs, whether conducted on campus or off, in the classroom or in the field, for students or for professionals. At the Center, learning is a collaborative process in which each person contributes knowledge, experience, and perspective to benefit all participants. It recognizes the importance of establishing a basis for the comfortable exchange of ideas by building an environment of openness, trust, and shared community.

The East-West Center is unique among international institutions in its focus on community building at the campus level as a stepping-stone to community building in the Asia Pacific region. While at the Center, participants learn, work and live together, and extend helping hands to the local community. The East-West Center experience is one of grassroots relationship building, cultural exchange, shared experiences, and communal preparation for future leadership roles throughout the region.

### **The University of Hawai'i**

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa is the flagship campus of the state university system. It was founded in 1907 and is located on 300 acres of land in Mānoa Valley, close to the center of metropolitan Honolulu. It is a comprehensive research university offering bachelor's degrees in 87 fields of study, master's degrees in 85, and doctorate degrees in 51 fields. It enrolls approximately 20,000 full-time students each semester of whom 6,000 are graduate students.

The University of Hawai'i (UH) and the East-West Center are separate organizations but maintain close institutional ties through a variety of programs, such as the Graduate Degree Fellowship Program. All reference in this booklet to the University of Hawai'i refers to the Mānoa campus. Visit [www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies](http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies) for more extensive information on the University of Hawai'i and its graduate programs.

### **The Obuchi Student Scholarship Overview**

Obuchi Student Scholarships support Okinawan students for the Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP) or for master's degree study at the University of Hawai'i in fields deemed beneficial to Okinawan development needs. Funded by the U.S. government and private contributions through the East-West Center, these scholarships are offered through the Obuchi Okinawa Education and Research Program, a joint venture of the United States and Japanese governments. The program's mission is to help Okinawa develop and strengthen its human resources in order to take a more proactive role in Asia Pacific intellectual, research, and business activities.

Obuchi Student Scholarship recipients participate in educational and research programs at the East-West Center while pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawai'i, or while completing the Asia Pacific Leadership Program at the Center. The East-West Center and the University of Hawai'i, located in a unique island setting with a distinctive multicultural heritage, offer premier resources for studies on Asia, the Pacific, and the United

States. Through East-West Center affiliation, awardees become part of a growing network of students and alumni forging the shape and substance of the world's most vibrant region.

Obuchi Student Scholarships will be awarded to up to two Master's degree students and up to two APLP fellows per year. Priority in the student selection process is given to those studying in fields of benefit to Okinawan development.

Degree fellows have opportunities to enhance their degree studies by participating in graduate certificate programs offered in leadership studies, international cultural studies, global health and population studies, conflict resolution, or disaster management and humanitarian assistance. Other opportunities include Center internships as well as participation in the Center's research projects in several areas of international study including politics; governance and security; economics; environmental change; population and health; education; and Pacific Islands development.

For *doctoral* study, applicants from Okinawa are eligible and encouraged to apply for the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship. Downloadable applications are available at:

[www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms).

For the application to the Asia Pacific Leadership program, please download the application at:

[www.EastWestCenter.org/aplp](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/aplp).

#### **East-West Center Obuchi Program Advisor**

Professor Munehiro Machida, East-West Center Obuchi Program Advisor, is available to meet with applicants who wish to learn more about the Obuchi Program and opportunities at the East-West Center.

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[scholarships@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:scholarships@eastwestcenter.org)

#### **Application Deadlines**

**Obuchi Student Scholarships** are awarded annually. The deadlines for the next competitions are:

- Graduate study at the *Master's* level: **December 1, 2010** for study to begin in August 2011.  
[www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms)
- Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP): **December 1, 2010** for study to begin in August 2011.  
[www.eastwestcenter.org/aplp](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/aplp)

**East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowships** are awarded annually. The deadline for the next competition for *doctoral* candidates is **November 1, 2010**, for study to begin in August 2011.

[www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms)

*NOTE: The remainder of this booklet outlines the application process for a graduate degree fellowship, at the Master's level, funded by the Obuchi Student Scholarship. Application packets and instructions for the Asia*

*Pacific Leadership Program and East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowships for doctoral study are available on the web site or by contacting the Award Services office.*

**Obuchi Student Scholarship General Requirements for Master’s level study:**

- Applicants submit *both* the application for the Obuchi Student Scholarship *and* the University of Hawai‘i Graduate Division Admissions Application to the East-West Center Awards Office. Applications must be postmarked by the December 1 deadline.
- Applicants already enrolled as classified graduate students at the University of Hawai‘i submit only the Obuchi Student Scholarship application.
- Required tests include the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS) for applicants from non-English speaking countries, and the GRE or GMAT for all applicants as required by university departments.
- Award recipients must meet exchange visitor (J-1 visa) requirements.

If you have not received a complete application packet, you may request complete information and application materials by visiting [www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms) or by emailing inquiries to: [scholarships@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:scholarships@eastwestcenter.org)

**KEY COMPONENTS OF THE EAST-WEST CENTER EXPERIENCE**

Beyond fulfilling degree requirements at the University of Hawai‘i, East-West Center graduate degree fellows have opportunities to enhance their degree studies by participating in the East-West Center community and its programs. These key experiential components include:

**Living on Campus at the East-West Center**

Located in Honolulu adjacent to the University of Hawai‘i, the Center’s 21-acre campus features conference, research, and residential facilities nestled in the heart of beautiful Mānoa Valley. Students and other EWC participants live in residence halls that include nearly 500 rooms. Living, cooking and sharing meals together in the residence halls is a vital experience in community building that begins at the Center. Through this residential community, East-West Center students develop lifelong relationships and a powerful sense of community with others who share an interest in the Asia Pacific region. Further information about our residence halls may be found at our website [www.EastWestCenter.org](http://www.EastWestCenter.org).

**Participating in Regularly Scheduled Center Activities and Seminars, Including:**

- **Community Service:** Degree fellows devote 90 hours to community service during their award period. Through service learning activities, participants develop leadership skills, and broaden their understanding of Hawai‘i and its multicultural community, and the ways in which transformational change can take place at personal, professional and grassroots levels.
- **Wednesday Evening Seminar:** The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) is a weekly gathering of Center participants in their first fall and spring semesters. WES brings together fellows from diverse academic disciplines, geographic areas, and life experiences, to learn and dialogue on issues of common concern that impact the United States and Asia Pacific region. While graduate degree fellows focus their attention in highly specialized disciplines of study at the University, the Wednesday Evening Seminar strives to challenge EWC fellows to explore issues that may be beyond their range of expertise or comfort zones; to explore issues facing the Asia Pacific region, and, in the process, forge bonds among themselves that ultimately strengthen the Center’s diverse, global community. This seminar series is planned and organized by East-West Center degree fellows as part of an internship experience. Through invited expert speakers, films, and facilitated small group discussions on themes relevant to the

United States and Asia Pacific region, the WES strives to create an environment for academic interaction and cultural learning between participants who themselves represent the vast diversity within the Asia Pacific region.

**Fulfilling an Academic Requirement, Which May Consist of *One* of the Following:**

- Completion of an interdisciplinary certificate.
- Participation in an approved East-West Center internship program; or
- Research involvement in an East-West Center project.

**Interdisciplinary Certificate:** Fellows may select a certificate option among the five offered: Interdisciplinary certificates in Leadership, International Cultural Studies, Global Health and Population Studies, Conflict Resolution, and Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance. Visit the Center’s website at [www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms) for descriptions.

**East-West Center internships:** Several internship possibilities are offered each year. Degree fellows in internship programs gain leadership experience in planning and organizing student activities including the International Graduate Student Conference, the Wednesday Evening Seminars, and a literary journal, Impulse. Internships have also been arranged in the EWC Publications Office and the Research Information Services.

**Participation in a EWC research project:** When a degree fellow’s experience, knowledge and timing come together at the right moment for involvement in a Center research project, a EWC researcher and degree fellow may do collaborative research. Such involvement may take a variety of forms, but to fulfill the fellowship requirement should entail substantive contributions, done in cooperation with a member of the Center’s research staff. Refer to the Center’s website [www.EastWestCenter.org](http://www.EastWestCenter.org) for details on current research projects.

**STUDENT-LED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES**

Participants in the East-West Center Education Program participate in an exciting spectrum of extracurricular activities, student-led projects and initiatives that draw upon and highlight the Center’s broad diversity of cultural perspectives and traditions.

**East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference**

This multi-day conference, organized by graduate degree fellows at the Center, has become one of the premier graduate student conferences in the world, and the largest focusing on the Asia Pacific. Each year the conference revolves around a theme of significance to the United States and Asia Pacific region. Through paper presentations, panel discussions, and poster sessions, participants have explored themes across disciplines that impact the Asia Pacific region. Conference chair and co-chair are internship positions held by two EWC graduate degree fellows.

**East-West Fest**

A major biennial cultural event, East-West Center students work together to organize this popular, educational, and fun-filled day of sharing their talents, crafts, music, cuisine, games, and goodwill with the Hawai’i community. Held outdoors on the Center campus, this festival promotes international cooperation and understanding, which are the underpinnings of all East-West Center endeavors.

**East-West Center Participants Association**

One of the objectives of the East-West Center Participants Association (EWCPA) Board is to create a vibrant and cohesive participant community that interacts, shares, and appreciates talents, arts, cultures, thoughts, and good will with one another. Ongoing activities include weekly films, shuttles to area markets, as well as

participant organized social and cultural events. Visit <http://ewcpa.wordpress.com/home/> for more current and scheduled events.

## **APPLYING JOINTLY TO THE EAST-WEST CENTER AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI‘I**

Obuchi Student Scholarships support graduate study at the University of Hawai‘i in fields relevant to the development needs of Okinawa. Because degree fellows are involved in programs at the East-West Center, as well as in advanced degree work at the University of Hawai‘i they have obligations to both institutions.

It is strongly recommended that applicants contact the respective University of Hawai‘i department for the most recent information on their program of choice.

It is not necessary to obtain admission to a field of graduate study at the University of Hawai‘i *before* applying to the East-West Center. Application to both the University of Hawai‘i and East-West Center may be done concurrently by submitting both applications and all supporting documents directly to the East-West Center.

## **AWARD CONDITIONS**

### **Length of Award**

All degree scholarships are granted on an annual basis. These grants are made initially for twelve months but may be renewed annually to the allowed maximum grant time, subject to timely and satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree and fulfillment of East-West Center requirements.

Fellowships may be renewed up to a maximum of 9 months for APLP, and 24 months for a master’s degree. The total award length may be less than the maximum allowable depending upon the academic status of the student at the time the award is given and the time necessary to complete degree requirements.

For degree students, the scholarship provides substantial funding during the award period, including tuition and fees up to the equivalent of the tuition charged for post-baccalaureate students at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, housing in an EWC residence hall based on single occupancy, book allowance, health insurance, and a stipend to *partially* cover food and incidental expenses. Estimated expenses beyond the fellowship are noted in the application packet, to help students anticipate and budget for their flight and any living expenses not covered by the fellowship. The Center strongly encourages applicants to seek financial support from other institutions, funding agencies, or personal funds well in advance to prepare to cover these estimated additional costs. Refer to the application materials for additional details.

For APLP fellows, the Obuchi scholarship covers tuition and fees, housing, health insurance, field study and stipend for living expenses. It does not include airfare.

### **Eligibility**

Eligibility to apply is determined by an individual’s ability to meet the following conditions:

### **Bachelor’s Degree and Grade Point Average**

Before the start of the award, applicants for graduate programs must have obtained a 4-year bachelor’s degree or its equivalent from an accredited U.S. college or university or from a recognized institution of higher learning abroad. Equivalency is determined by the University of Hawai‘i Graduate Division Admissions Office. Generally, an applicant must have a grade point average of 3.0 (4.0=A scale) or the equivalent, in the last four semesters or six quarters of the undergraduate record and in all post-baccalaureate work.

### **Citizenship and Residency Status**

This scholarship is designated for students from Okinawa. The Obuchi Student Scholarship invites applications from residents of Okinawa who have the intention of returning to Okinawa on completion of study, to contribute to the development needs of Okinawa. Priority in the selection process will be given to outstanding applicants

- who have permanent domicile in Okinawa or
- a certificate of residence for Okinawa;

and have lived, studied, and/or worked in Okinawa a significant portion of the past seven years.

### **Visa**

Degree fellows are required to come to the Center on the Exchange Visitor (J-1) visa and are subject to all provisions of the Exchange Visitor Program.

The intent of the Exchange Visitor Program is to have participants return to their home countries upon program completion to share and apply the knowledge and experience gained during their program at the Center. Exchange visitors on East-West Center sponsorship are required to return to their home country for an aggregate period of two years after completing their exchange visitor program. Students are eligible to apply for post-completion academic training upon completion of their degree program. For further information contact the EWC Visa Office at [wongv@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:wongv@eastwestcenter.org).

## **FUNDING PROVISIONS**

### **Basic Provisions**

The Obuchi Student Scholarship provides the following funding for degree students:

- Tuition and fees up to the equivalent of the tuition charged for post-baccalaureate students at the University of Hawai‘i;
- Housing in a Center residence hall, based on single occupancy;
- A stipend to *partially* cover food and incidental expenses (Refer to the section on taxes on stipends for additional information.);
- An allowance for books, materials and supplies; and
- Health insurance coverage.

The Obuchi Student Scholarship provides the following funding for APLP fellows:

- Tuition and fees at the University of Hawai‘i and East-West Center;
- Field study expenses;
- Housing in a Center residence hall, based on single occupancy;
- A stipend to cover food and incidental expenses;
- Health insurance coverage;

All amounts above are subject to change.

**Estimated Expenses Beyond the Fellowship:**

- For degree students, living expenses beyond the fellowship are estimated at \$400 per month, or \$4,800/year.
- Travel to and from home country and Honolulu.

Degree fellows are responsible for all personal and academic expenses not covered by the Center fellowship.

Students are encouraged to seek and obtain financial support for one or more of the above categories from other sources where possible. The availability of funding from other sources should be noted on the *Verification of Funds for Expenses Beyond the Scholarship* form included in the application packet. While the fellowship application form is due by December 1, 2009, the verification of funds form can be submitted by February 12, 2010, allowing more time for applicants to research and obtain additional funds.

Non-resident recipients of the Obuchi Student Scholarship must provide evidence of availability of financial support for the estimated living expenses before a DS2019 for the J-1 visa can be issued.

**Supplemental Funding**

**Policy on Work:** A degree student may request permission to work on campus up to 12 hours a week to earn funds that can contribute toward meeting living expenses. Under certain circumstances, students may be eligible to work additional hours during official school breaks and school vacations.

**Travel Grants:** Funding for field study and conference presentations is offered to degree fellows on a competitive basis during their study period.

**Supplementary Awards:** Through the generosity of the Center's friends and alumni, supplementary scholarships are becoming available to assist degree fellows. The EWC may be able to make available a limited amount of supplemental scholarship support to highly qualified applicants with high financial need on a case by case basis, based on the applicant's eligibility for supplementary scholarships and availability of funds. For consideration, applicants should indicate their need on the form included in the application packet entitled, *Verification of Funds for Expenses Beyond the Scholarship*.

**Travel**

The Obuchi Student Scholarship does not provide support for initial and terminal air transportation.

**Housing**

Recipients of the fellowship who are single or married with no accompanying dependents below 18 years of age are required to reside in Center dormitories. Single students reside in a single room. Married students accompanied by a spouse reside in a double room. (Pets are not allowed in these dormitories.)

Information about East-West Center housing facilities may be found at our website, [www.EastWestCenter.org](http://www.EastWestCenter.org).

Individuals with minor dependent children cannot be accommodated in on-campus facilities and must reside off-campus.

**Spouses and Dependents**

The Obuchi Scholarship does not provide support for spouses and dependents of fellows except as specified below. No additional stipend payment or travel allowance is made on the basis of marital status and the amount received will not adequately support a family.

Obuchi degree fellows are required to come to Honolulu alone for the first semester of the award to become acquainted with the Center, the University of Hawai‘i, and the Honolulu community, before arranging to have their families join them from abroad.

Obuchi degree fellows who plan eventually to bring their families should be fully aware of the high cost of living in Honolulu, the limited availability and high cost of off-campus housing, and especially the difficulty in finding employment opportunities for spouses.

The Center provides limited assistance in the following ways:

- During the period of the fellowship, the Center may provide dormitory space for the spouse by providing a double room beginning the second semester of the award.
- If a degree fellow is joined by dependent children below the age of 18, the family must reside off-campus as the Center’s residence halls are not allowed to house minors. Beginning the second semester of the award, the degree fellow living off-campus with family is eligible for an off-campus housing allowance equivalent to the rate of the double room in the East-West Center residence hall.
- The Obuchi fellow is responsible for all other costs for the spouse and children.

## **THE REVIEW PROCESS/TIMETABLE**

The East-West Center and University of Hawai‘i application forms are reviewed in the following sequence:

- 1) The **Award Services Office** reviews the forms for completeness and the required supporting documents and test scores. The East-West Center and University of Hawai‘i application forms must be *postmarked* no later than December 1, 2009 to meet the application deadline.
- 2) The **East-West Center Review Committee** determines general relevance to EWC programs and decides which applications will be forwarded to the University of Hawai‘i Graduate Division. Notification letters will be sent in early January to all applicants regarding the continued consideration of their application. Application to the East-West Center does not guarantee review for admission to the University of Hawai‘i unless the individual requests independent consideration. (Refer to the application section on Independent UH admission for additional information.)
- 3) The **University of Hawai‘i Graduate Division** reviews applications to determine whether the applicant meets minimum admission requirements. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Applications from individuals who are currently enrolled as classified graduate students at the University of Hawai‘i will be sent directly to their respective departments for review and comment.
- 4) The **University of Hawai‘i Department** selected by the applicant reviews those applications which have met minimum admission requirements. The department reviews the application and makes a recommendation of admission to the appropriate College or Dean of the Graduate Division. (Refer to the University of Hawai‘i Application Instruction booklet for additional information regarding the bases of denial.)
- 5) During the final selection the **East-West Center Review Committee** reviews only those applications which have successfully passed the University of Hawai‘i Graduate Division and Graduate Field of Study.
- 6) **Selection for the fellowship is based upon the merits of the application.** The final selection decision takes into consideration the following: relevance of the applicant’s interests to the East-West Center’s aims

and programs, recommendation by the University of Hawai‘i graduate field of study, test scores, letters of reference, academic record, community involvement/extracurricular activity participation, and narrative statements. The final selection decision will be conveyed in writing and only to the applicant. No information regarding the final selection will be disclosed over the telephone.

## COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM

The Obuchi Student Scholarship begins in early August 2010 with an orientation program that includes advising and registration at the University of Hawai‘i. All students are required to participate in this initial program, including those who are currently residing in Hawai‘i.

Fellowships awarded in some UH departments may be postponed for no more than one semester with all appropriate clearances. Although the University of Hawai‘i academic calendar is based on a semester system, the Center does not conduct an Obuchi Student Scholarship Competition for the Spring semester.

## II. APPLICATION PROCEDURES

### OBTAINING APPLICATION FORMS:

Application material may be obtained in a variety of ways:

- Print downloadable application forms from: [www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms)
- Request an application by telephone, letter, fax\* or email:

Award Services Office  
East-West Center  
John A. Burns Hall, Room 2066  
1601 East-West Road  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96848-1601 USA  
Phone: (808) 944-7735  
FAX: (808) 944-7730\*  
Email: [scholarships@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:scholarships@eastwestcenter.org)

\*We are not able to fax application materials; however we can send hardcopy by mail or as email attachments if you are not able to download from the web site. Please indicate your preference.

### SUBMITTING THE OBUCHI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

An application packet contains this instruction booklet and the East-West Center (EWC) and University of Hawai‘i (UH) application forms. The EWC application should be completed according to the instructions in this booklet. The UH application should be completed according to the instructions that accompany it.

Both EWC and UH application forms must be sent to the following address **postmarked no later than December 1, 2010:**

Attention: Obuchi Student Scholarships  
**Award Services Office –  
East-West Center**  
John A. Burns Hall, Room 2066  
1601 East-West Road  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96848-1601 USA

Individuals who mail their applications close to the December 1 deadline are strongly urged to obtain a receipt as proof of meeting the postmark deadline. Applications with illegible postmarks received after the December 1 deadline for which proof is not provided, will not be accepted.

Supporting documents such as letters of recommendation and official transcripts (refer to instructions on page 13) may be included with the application forms or sent directly by the recommender or issuing university to the East-West Center. Supporting documents, including official test score reports, are not required to be postmarked by December 1.

Applicants who hand carry their application to the Award Services Office must do so before the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 1, 2010.

Application forms sent by facsimile equipment (FAX) or email will not be accepted under any circumstances.

### COMPLETING THE OBUCHI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The numbers below correspond to the numbers noted on the application form:

1. **Type of application:** Indicate whether or not you have previously applied for an East-West Center fellowship. If you have applied previously, indicate the category and year of your last EWC application.

**Note:** Biographical Data are collected as part of record-keeping requirements and have no bearing on the selection process.

2. This box simply designates this is an Obuchi Scholarship Application. You do not need to write anything in this box.
3. **Name:** In the following order, begin with your family name, given name, middle name. Indicate any alternate names that might appear on documents. Please refrain from using nicknames unless they appear on official documents and letters of reference. Please provide a photocopy of the biodata page from your passport. This is important for visa purposes.
4. **University of Hawai'i Student Identification Number:** Leave this field blank if you do not have a University of Hawai'i student identification number.
5. **Sex:** Indicate your gender.
6. **Current or local mailing address:** Please note the address where we can reach you during the application and review phase.
7. **Address validity:** Please note the last day you will be at your current address. This will help us to reach you in a timely way at the appropriate address.
8. **Permanent address:** Note a permanent address where you can receive mail once your current/local address is no longer valid. If your permanent address is your current address, write "same as above."
9. **Visa status:** If currently living in the United States, please indicate the type of visa you currently have.
10. **Birth date:** Note the sequence for your birth date: month/day/year
11. **Birthplace:** Note city/state/country where you were born.

12. **Country of citizenship:** Note your country of citizenship. If you have dual citizenship, note both countries.
13. **Country of permanent residence:** Note your country of permanent residence if different from your country of citizenship.
14. **Office, home, cell (mobile) and fax numbers:** Please note any and all of the contact numbers at which we may be able to reach you during the application phase.
15. **E-mail address:** Print or type your email address clearly and completely if you have one.
16. **EWC scholarship:** If you have received an EWC scholarship before, please provide the date and type of award.
17. **EWC participation:** If you have participated in an EWC program (seminar, conference, training session), please let us know the program and date of your participation.
18. **College/university enrollment:** Beginning with your current or most recent college/university experience, list the universities at which you have been enrolled as a student.
19. **Current activity:** Please indicate if you are currently a student (noting where) or if you are currently employed (noting the nature of your work).
20. **Letters of Reference:** List the names and titles of the individuals you asked to provide letters of recommendation.
21. **Test/Examinations:** Consult the section under “REQUIRED TESTS.” Indicate the date you are scheduled to take the test(s) and where you have requested your official score results to be sent. All applicants are urged to take the test(s) as soon as possible to provide some leeway in completing this requirement. **Please be aware that scores from tests taken after October 2010 may not be available in time for the Center’s preliminary consideration of your application.**
22. **Language Study:** The East-West Center requires all American, Australian, and New Zealand students to study (or supply proof of proficiency in) an Asian or Pacific language. Asian and Pacific Islands students are required to be proficient in English. For further information, consult the section below under “OTHER REQUIREMENTS.”
23. **Other institutions:** Indicate if you are applying to any other institutions for graduate study.
24. **University of Hawai‘i Field(s) of Study:** Consult the UH Application Instructions for degrees and fields of study offered at the University of Hawai‘i at [www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/fields/html/fields.htm](http://www.hawaii.edu/graduatestudies/fields/html/fields.htm). Indicate the degree and field of study you wish to pursue. If you wish to apply to two fields of study, you must complete a separate UH application form for each program and provide a complete set of transcripts for each application. Note: If admitted to both fields of study and selected for a Center fellowship only one field of study will be approved for the fellowship.
25. **Independent UH Admission:** Applicants desiring admission to the University of Hawai‘i even if they do not receive an Obuchi Student Scholarship must apply for independent UH admission. **Check “yes” on the second page of the EWC application form to ensure that the application is forwarded to the University even if it is not continued after the first East-West Center review.** This decision must be made at the time the application is submitted.

An application for independent consideration must be accompanied by the University of Hawai'i Application Fee Credit Card Payment Form or, a check or money order made payable to the "University of Hawai'i." An application that is not accompanied by a fee will not be processed by the University of Hawai'i. The application fee is \$70. Only applicants who are applying for *independent* consideration are required to submit the fee.

If an applicant applies for independent consideration but is no longer being considered for an Obuchi Student Scholarship, the East-West Center will forward the University of Hawai'i application, application fee, and all accompanying documents to the UH Graduate Division Office. Once the applicant receives this notification all correspondence related to the application should be directed to the University of Hawai'i Graduate Division at the following address:

University of Hawai'i Graduate Division Admissions Office  
Spalding 354  
2540 Maile Way  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96822 USA

To the greatest extent possible, the East-West Center will forward documents that are received after the application has been sent to the UH Graduate Division.

If you are also applying for a graduate research or teaching assistantship, please write to the appropriate academic department for forms and instructions. Consult the UH Application Instruction booklet for application deadlines. Applications for assistantship should be sent directly to the UH department.

26-29. Provide the requested information.

30. Please let us know all the ways you learned about the Obuchi Student Scholarship. This helps us provide timely information and updates to key contacts.

Remember to sign and date the application.

## **OTHER APPLICATION DOCUMENTS TO COMPLETE**

### **Responses to Essay Questions**

Complete responses to the essay questions listed on the form entitled, *Essays to Accompany the Obuchi Student Scholarship Application Form*. Be sure to include your name on each page of your essay response. Include a copy of your Curriculum Vitae or resume with your essays.

### **Letters of Reference**

The East-West Center requires three letters of reference completed by persons who have played a significant role in the education or work experience of the applicant. One letter of reference must address community service involvement. Letters from senior professors in the major field are also very helpful. Applicants who waive their right to see the letter of reference may not ask to see it at a later date unless the person writing the letter has given his or her permission. EWC letter of reference forms are included with the application.

With the exception of some fields of study, EWC letters of reference may also be used to meet UH letter of reference requirements. Recommendation letters specific to a departmental application should be returned directly to the field of study.

### **Official Transcripts**

Two (2) official transcripts are required from each college or university where credits and grades (including study abroad or exchange programs, summer programs, non-degree work and extension programs) have been earned. The recording of grades of one university on the transcript of another university does not meet this requirement. An official graduation and/or degree certificate must accompany transcripts that do not include the date of graduation and type of degree awarded.

All transcripts and certificates must bear the actual (not copied) signature of the registrar and actual embossed seal or official stamp of the issuing institution. All documents **must be received by the East-West Center in sealed official envelopes of the issuing institution**. Refer to the UH Application Instruction booklet for further information regarding transcript requirements.

Transcripts that are transmitted by facsimile equipment (FAX) are considered **unofficial** copies and do not meet certification requirements.

Only students who are currently enrolled at the University of Hawai'i may submit one certified photocopy of transcripts and test scores on file with their department.

### **Verification of Expenses Beyond the Scholarship**

All applicants are required to submit this form by **February 14, 2011**.

### **Required Tests**

Proof of English proficiency is a requirement for admission to the University of Hawaii and applicants from countries in which English is not the only official language (including U.S. Nationals and Permanent Resident Aliens for whom English is not their native language) are required to demonstrate advanced proficiency in the use of the English language. Proof of proficiency can be demonstrated by taking the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). The East-West Center is unable to grant an exemption of this University of Hawai'i requirement.

Only applicants in the following categories are automatically exempt from taking the TOEFL or IELTS:

- Native speakers of English from Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, or Singapore.
- Students who have received a bachelor's degree or an advanced degree within the last five years from an accredited college/university in the United States, Australia, Great Britain, New Zealand, Singapore and universities in Canada and Africa where English is the language of instruction. TOEFL or IELTS must be retaken if the degree was completed prior to this date.

### **Test Of English As A Foreign Language (TOEFL)**

- The East-West Center minimum TOEFL score is: 550 for the Paper-based TOEFL examination, 213 for Computer-based TOEFL examination, and 79-80 for an Internet-based TOEFL examination unless a higher score is required by the field of study. Results must be from a test taken within the last two years.
- The Educational Testing Service at P.O. Box 6151, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6151, USA, can provide information on registering for the TOEFL examination. Website: [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)
- Official test score reports that are sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) are the only acceptable reports. The "Applicant's Score Confirmation Report" will not be accepted by the

UH Graduate Division. Please be sure to mark the East-West Center (Code No. 4868) on the answer sheet on the day of the test to enable ETS to send the score reports as quickly as possible.

- A photocopy or a student's copy is not acceptable as a substitute score report.

### **International English Language Testing System (IELTS)**

- The International English Language Testing System (IELTS) may be substituted for TOEFL. Results must be from a test taken within the last two years. An overall band test result of 5.0 is required for admission to the University of Hawai'i. The East-West Center minimum score requirement is 6.0.
- Applicants should contact the nearest British Council/Embassy/Consulate or IDP Education Australia Office in their country for the nearest testing center. It is advised that you also check the IELTS web page for information on testing centers. Website: [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)
- The official score report must be issued to the East-West Center in a sealed official test center envelope.

### **Other Tests**

The following two tests are not required by the East-West Center; however, if the applicant's UH field of study requires the following tests, an official score report must be submitted to the East-West Center so that the results will be made available to the requiring UH department.

### **Graduate Record Examination (GRE)**

- Refer to the UH web site or graduate department for requirements specific to each field of study. If the GRE is required for a particular field of study, the official score report should be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service to the East-West Center (Code No. 4868). The East-West Center should receive official GRE scores no later than January 14, 2011 so that it will not delay the UH application process.
- Information on registration for the GRE and related exams may be obtained by writing to the Educational Testing Service, P.O. Box 6000, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6000, USA. Website: [www.gre.org](http://www.gre.org), Email: [gre-info@ets.org](mailto:gre-info@ets.org)

### **Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT)**

- The GMAT is a University of Hawai'i requirement for all Accounting, Business Administration, and Travel Industry Management applicants.
- To obtain information on registering for this examination, visit the Graduate Management Admission Council website: [www.mba.com](http://www.mba.com)
- The official score report should be sent to the University of Hawai'i School of Business Administration no later than January 14, 2011. Code 4HF-DD-47 for MBA and Code 4HF-DD-77 for TIM.

## OTHER REQUIREMENTS

### Sample Work

Samples of work, slides, portfolio, or tape recordings are required by certain fields of study. Refer to the University of Hawai'i application instruction booklet for specific information.

Optional: Applicants may submit additional documentation such as photos or samples of publications that they consider relevant to their application.

### Special Application Forms

Certain UH fields of study require applicants to complete additional application material. The Center can provide application forms upon request.

### Language Study

If awarded an East-West Center fellowship, nonnative speakers of English may be required by the University to enroll in the English Language Institute (ELI) of the University of Hawai'i to improve English language skills, regardless of scores obtained on the TOEFL.

### Students Currently Enrolled at the University of Hawai'i

Classified graduate students at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa enrolled in a graduate degree program are eligible to apply for the Center's Obuchi Student Scholarship. The application deadline must still be met. The following applies to currently enrolled students only:

- If applying in the same field of study in which the applicant is currently enrolled, only the following are required:
  - The East-West Center application form and required essays
  - One complete set of transcripts of all previous academic work (photocopies of official transcripts will be accepted); a grade report of Fall 2010 semester when available.
  - If relevant one copy of the TOEFL and GRE score report
  - Three letters of reference
  - Curriculum Vitae (C.V.) or resume
- If applying in a different field of study than the field in which the applicant is currently enrolled, both the University of Hawai'i and East-West Center application forms and all required documents must be submitted to the Award Services Office.
- If a currently enrolled student is awarded a Center fellowship but is placed on **academic probation** for the first semester of his or her award, the fellowship is no longer valid and will be withdrawn.

## TAX INFORMATION REGARDING FELLOWSHIPS

### United States Government Taxes

In 1986 the United States Government passed a Tax Reform Act that only partially allows the financial assistance provided through a scholarship or fellowship to be exempt from taxes. Only those items directly related to a degree fellow's academic program such as tuition and fees, books and materials and supplies, are exempt. Funds for food and incidental expenses, housing and health insurance provided by the Center from United States funding sources, are subject to United States Government taxes.

Some students may be exempt from United States Government taxes by virtue of tax treaties that the United States Government has signed with a number of countries. While provisions vary from country to country,

treaties with such countries as China, Indonesia, Korea, Thailand, and the Philippines will exempt most degree fellows from paying United States Government taxes on their East-West Center degree fellowship. Specific treaty benefits for each nation can be found in Internal Revenue Service Publication 901.

For **non-resident students from all other countries**, the Center is required by law to withhold taxes each month at a 14% rate of all taxable items (housing, health insurance and monthly stipend). **U.S. students and permanent residents** are responsible for paying their own taxes. Since the Center can only withhold taxes for non-residents, U.S. students and permanent residents are strongly encouraged to pay estimated taxes.

#### **State of Hawai'i Taxes**

The State of Hawai'i also taxes that portion of the Center fellowship that provides for food and incidental expenses, housing and health insurance, but at a lesser rate. All students, including those from tax treaty countries, are subject to State of Hawai'i taxes as tax treaties only exempt United States Government taxes. Since the State does not have a withholding capability for non-employees, all students are encouraged to pay estimated State of Hawai'i taxes.

### **EAST-WEST CENTER OBUCHI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST**

The following documents must be submitted to the address noted below to be considered for the Obuchi Student Scholarship. **Note: Do not send any of the application documents to the University of Hawai'i.** Do not staple, paste or bind application material together.

#### Obuchi Student Scholarship Application Checklist—items to be **postmarked** by December 1, 2010

- East-West Center Application Form for the Obuchi Student Scholarship
- Completed essays
- Copy of certificate of residence for Okinawa

#### Obuchi Student Scholarship Application Checklist—items should be received by December 10, 2010

- Two (2) official transcripts from each institution attended
- Three (3) Letters of Reference
- If applicable, GRE, TOEFL or IELTS Test Scores (results must be reported to East-West Center)

#### UH Graduate Admission Application Checklist—all items to be **postmarked** by December 1, 2010

- University of Hawai'i Graduate Admission Application and Graduate Program Supplemental Information Form (if not currently enrolled at UH).
- Statement of Objectives (applicants who chose to submit only one statement to EWC and UH must address objectives of both EWC and UH in their statement. Please provide a copy for each application.)
- Confidential Financial Statement Form (required only by international applicants seeking independent consideration of admission)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Application Fee (required only if you wish independent consideration to attend the University of Hawai'i regardless of whether you receive the Obuchi scholarship. Include completed Application Fee Credit Card Payment Form, check, or money order made payable to the "University of Hawai'i.")
- Be sure to check with the field of study you are applying to for additional requirements.

#### A reminder for all forms:

- Does your name appear in English on all documents, including essays, letters of reference and transcripts?
- Have you signed the application forms?

#### Verification of Funds for Expenses Beyond the Scholarship form—due February 14, 2011

- Send the completed *Verification of Funds for Expenses Beyond the Scholarship* form

#### All documents should be sent to the following address:

**OBUCHI STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**  
**Award Services Office - East-West Center**  
**John A. Burns Hall, Room 2066**  
**1601 East-West Road**  
**Honolulu, HI 96848-1601 USA**

Telephone: (808) 944-7735 | Fax: (808) 944-7730

Email: [scholarships@EastWestCenter.org](mailto:scholarships@EastWestCenter.org) | [www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/studentprograms)



24. Indicate the field of study and degree you wish to pursue at the University of Hawai'i.

Field of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_

25. **Consideration for independent UH Admission** Do you plan to attend the University of Hawai'i in the event that you do *not* receive an East-West Center fellowship? Your response will not affect your fellowship application; it only informs us how to submit your UH application for processing. If yes, see instructions for information on how to submit application fee.

Yes  No

26. List the countries in which you have traveled or resided (indicate places and dates).

27. List the titles of publications you have authored (indicate subject, date, and place).

28. List the scholarships, fellowships, or grants you have received.

29. List other scholarships and fellowships for which you are applying.

30. How did you learn about the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship? Check all that apply:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newspaper or magazine       | <input type="checkbox"/> EWC staff (name: _____)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship database        | <input type="checkbox"/> Professor (name: _____)                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Internet search             | <input type="checkbox"/> Current or former EWC fellow (name: _____)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EWC web site                | <input type="checkbox"/> EWC information session (location: _____)    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational advising office | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate department/university (name: _____) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poster                      | <input type="checkbox"/> EWC Program Representative (name: _____)     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Conference (name: _____)                     |
|  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please explain: _____)               |

**NOTE: To complete your application, review the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship Application Information and Instructions for other required supporting documents.**

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#### APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the information I have given on this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that I have attended no institution other than those listed on this application. I understand that the concealment of such information may result in the rejection of my application or disciplinary action if discovered after enrollment. I understand that it is my responsibility to arrange for the forwarding of official transcripts of records from all schools specified in the instruction booklet, and that such transcripts and other application materials become the property of the East-West Center and will not be returned to me. Further, I authorize access to and if necessary, release of my educational records of any academic work done at the University of Hawai'i as part of my department's evaluation of my application for an East-West Center Graduate Fellowship.

(Please be sure that photo copies of your application/documents needed for your own personal use are made **BEFORE** submitting them to the East-West Center.) The East-West Center **WILL NOT** make any photo copies of any materials submitted as part of your application.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

## **ESSAYS TO ACCOMPANY THE OBUCHI SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Provide your essay responses on separate sheets of paper. Note the essay number at the top of each essay. If you type your essay, we suggest an 11 or 12 size font, single or double spaced (your discretion).

- 1) Write an essay in which you discuss your long-range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree, stating their relevance for the East-West Center and its programs of international research and community building. (Maximum length: five pages)
- 2) Write a brief biographical essay in which you discuss your background including community service or civic engagement activities, and reasons for pursuing graduate study. (Maximum length for the essay: two pages)

Note: Include a copy of your resume or curriculum vitae.

- 3) Your participation in EWC activities will be alongside students from the U.S., Asia and the Pacific region. Please comment on your preparedness for this inter-cultural learning environment. (Maximum length: two pages)
- 4) As part of the scholarship, students complete an East-West Center academic requirement. This may involve completion of one of the following interdisciplinary graduate certificates: Leadership, International Cultural Studies, Global Health and Population Studies, Conflict Resolution, or Disaster Management and Humanitarian Assistance; or invited involvement in an East-West Center research project. If you would be interested in being involved in research with an EWC project, please list the research area you would be interested in and discuss why you selected this area. If your preference is for a certificate program, indicate your interest. Refer to the East-West Center Research Programs website for current research themes and projects: [www.EastWestCenter.org/research](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/research). (Maximum length: one page)
- 5) Recipients of the Obuchi Student Scholarship are expected to return to Okinawa and contribute in a positive way to the future of the community. Please describe your vision of how you will contribute to Okinawa society in the future if you are selected for an Obuchi Scholarship.

## Application Deadline: December 1, 2010

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Name and title of Person Writing Recommendation

Address

Name of Applicant

Applicant's special area of academic and research interest

*TO THE APPLICANT: Confidentiality of Participant Records  
Under East-West Center policy, this letter may be viewed by you unless you waive your right to see it or the person writing this letter wishes it to be held in confidence (#9). In the event you do not waive your right to see this letter but the referee indicates in item #9 that he/she wishes the letter to be held in confidence, the referee's preference will take precedence.*

- I waive my right to see this letter of reference  
 I do not waive my right to see this letter of reference

\_\_\_\_\_

*Signature of Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_

*Date*

## LETTER OF REFERENCE

**Feel free to attach a separate letter to address these questions**

1. How long have you known the applicant?
2. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant?
3. Please rate the applicant in terms of each of the following:

	Exceptional	Well Above Average	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Leadership						
Initiative						
Creativity						
English language ease (if not native speaker of English)						
Adaptability						
Career potential						
Intelligence						
Readiness for advanced work						
Self-expression						
Ability to pursue independent study						
Ability to cope with personal crises						
Capacity for change						
Motivation to pursue international education						
Cross-cultural knowledge & experience						
Cross-cultural sensitivity						

4. Of similar applicants for advanced work you have known, how does this applicant rank on a 1-10 scale (10 highest, 1 lowest, 5 average)?
5. What are the applicant's special academic/professional strengths and weaknesses?
6. What has been individual's greatest achievement (academic, personal, community)?
7. Please provide any additional comments that you deem relevant regarding the applicant?
8. Do you recommend the applicant for an East-West Center fellowship to pursue advanced study and participate in cross-cultural community building?

Recommend highly

Do not recommend

Recommend

Insufficient basis for making recommendation

Recommend with reservations

9. Please check one:

I have no objection to disclosing this letter of reference to the applicant if he/she requests

I do not want this letter of reference to be disclosed to the applicant.

**Reference Writer:**

**If available, please affix your business card here:**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**LETTER OF REFERENCE**  
**Community Service/Civic Engagement/Extra Curricular Activities**

Feel free to attach a separate letter to address these questions

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Initiative						
Creativity						
Consideration/concern/care for others						
Adaptability						
Ability to help others with crises						
Intelligence						
Self-expression						
Ability to cope with personal crises						
Capacity for change						
Cross-cultural knowledge & experience						

4. Of similar applicants you have known, how does this applicant rank on a 1-10 scale (10 highest, 1 lowest, 5 average) in the area of cross-cultural community building?
5. What are the applicant's special strengths and weaknesses?
6. What has been individual's greatest achievement (academic, personal, community)?
7. Please provide any additional comments that you deem relevant regarding the applicant's community service/extra curricular activities.
8. Do you recommend the applicant for an East-West Center fellowship to pursue advanced study and participate in cross-cultural community building?

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**VERIFICATION OF FUNDS FOR EXPENSES BEYOND THE SCHOLARSHIP** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

The Obuchi Scholarship covers substantial funding toward Master's degree study, covering the educational costs and living expenses noted in Column A of the table below.

Applicants need to prepare for *additional* living expenses for food and other personal expenses beyond the scholarship, estimated at \$400 US per month, or \$4,800 per year. In addition, applicants need to budget for round-trip airfare.

The Center strongly encourages applicants to seek financial support from other institutions, funding agencies or personal funds well in advance, to prepare to cover the flight and estimated additional costs. Employment for degree fellows is allowed when authorized by the Center and normally would not exceed 12 hours per week, except during official school breaks and vacations. For international fellows, the nature of the employment must meet J-1 visa requirements. To provide time to explore supplemental funding opportunities, this form can be completed and returned by February 14, 2011.

**Instructions**

To indicate your budget and resources for the estimated expenses beyond the fellowship for the *first year* of study, please complete columns B, C, and D in the table below in US Dollars where "\$" is noted. Also, please complete the back of this form.

Item	A Obuchi Student Scholarship	B Amount Covered by Personal or Family Funds	C Amount Covered by Other Funding Sources	D Amount not yet covered
<b>Tuition and Fees</b>				
Tuition	* Covered up to the equivalent of the regular graduate tuition charged for post-baccalaureate students at UH			
Fees required by University of Hawai'i	Covered up to the equivalent of the tuition charged for post-baccalaureate students at UH			
<b>Living Expenses</b>				
Housing in EWC residence hall based on single occupancy	Covered			
Stipend to <i>partially</i> cover food and incidental expenses	\$200/per month			
Estimated additional living expenses of \$400/month or \$4,800/year	Not covered	\$	\$	\$
<b>Books and Materials</b>				
Book allowance	\$660/per year			
<b>Health Insurance</b>				
Health Insurance	Covered			
<b>Travel Expenses</b>				
SEVIS fee for international fellows	Covered			
Visa fee for international fellows (see note below)	** Not covered	\$	\$	\$
Airfare (to/from Honolulu)	Not covered	\$	\$	\$
<b>Totals for columns B, C, D</b>		\$ <b>Column B Total</b>	\$ <b>Column C Total</b>	\$ <b>Column D Total</b>

\* **Tuition Note:** Applicants to professional programs such as the JD, LLM, MBA, and Architecture should be aware that this fellowship does not cover the full tuition or professional fees.

\*\* **Visa Fee Note:** All international fellows are required to pay for the visa application (Machine Readable Visa--MRV) fee of \$131. Citizens of some countries are required to pay a visa issuance (reciprocity) fee. Check the following site for details on visa costs related to your country: <http://travel.state.gov/visa/reciprocity/index.htm>

**If you indicated in column D that you do not have resources yet to cover certain anticipated costs, please provide further explanation below so that we have a clear understanding of your situation. If you need additional space, please attach a separate sheet.**

Please indicate if you are currently applying to any other agency/foundation/government for funds to cover the estimated additional expenses, and when you expect to be notified of the results.

Explain why you would need additional East-West Center support.

If you have been offered a Graduate Assistantship at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM), please inform us below as it may determine how your insurance and tuition are covered in the agreement between the UHM and EWC. Thank you.

**Please submit this form to the Award Services Office by February 14, 2011.**

I hereby certify that the information I have provided on this form is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also understand that if selected for an Obuchi Student Scholarship I will be expected to certify sufficient funds for additional living expenses beyond the scholarship for the first year of study.

Name:

Date

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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