



EWC STUDENT AFFILIATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The East-West Center Student Affiliate Program was established to expand opportunities for involvement in the programs of the East-West Center. The East-West Center Student Affiliate Program gives externally funded (e.g., Fulbright Scholarship) or self-funded graduate students at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) the opportunity to participate in the Center’s educational programs and to live in its international residence halls. It provides an opportunity for these individuals to interact on a daily basis with the Center’s degree fellows, scholars, and other participants from across the U.S. and more than 50 countries, and has proved for many to be instrumental in helping to establish lasting relations that extend into future careers or other endeavors.

Student affiliates come from the United States and around the world. Priority is given to students with research or major projects focusing on the Asia Pacific region, with demonstrated professional commitment to the Asia Pacific region, and to those seeking to actively contribute to the East-West Center community.

Eligibility

The following are eligible for the East-West Center Student Affiliate Program:

- Full-time classified graduate students at UHM in good academic standing or
- Students attending UHM on special graduate exchange programs.

Benefits

- Special participant housing rate of \$14 per night for a furnished single room in an East-West Center residence hall;
- Eligibility for competitive Center travel awards for field study or conference presentation;
- Eligibility for involvement in Center research projects;
- Participation in educational, cultural, and extracurricular programs of the Center;
- Extensive orientation activities including island-wide field trips, as well as social, cultural, and educational events;
- Membership in the East-West Center Participants Association (EWCPA);
- Eligibility for participation in a professional mentoring program sponsored by the East-West Center Associates office;
- Eligibility for participation in the ‘*Ohana* (family) program sponsored by the *Friends of the East-West Center*. This is an opportunity for students to experience another culture and way of life. Host families entertain students in various ways, such as an occasional dinner at home, a picnic, a holiday celebration, cultural activity or sports event.

Program Fee & Other Expenses

- A program fee of \$250 per semester is due before each Fall and Spring semester. (There is no program fee in summer for student affiliates who maintain their active affiliate status through summer months while enrolled in summer school and are actively engaged in the Center’s student programs);
- The Student Affiliate Program fee must be paid in full before the first day of instruction of the semester based on the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa academic calendar;
- Student affiliates are responsible for all expenses connected with their program of study and living expenses in an East-West Center graduate residence hall;
- Student affiliates are required to have sufficient health insurance coverage.

Key Components of the East-West Center Student Affiliate Experience

By joining the Center's student programs, Student Affiliates make a commitment to actively participating in international dialogue on issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region, including the United States, and its global neighborhood. Student affiliates will gain leadership skills and attain valuable networking as they actively participate in and contribute to the East-West Center student program.

Beyond maintaining strong academic standing and making progress in degree requirements at the University of Hawai'i, East-West Center Student Affiliates participate in the Center programs and international community. Key experiential components and requirements of the Student Affiliate Program include:

Participating in the East-West Center Student Orientation Program

All incoming students participate in an orientation program at the East-West Center. The goals of the orientation are to provide an opportunity for community building among students, to introduce students to the East-West Center community, to familiarize them with the University of Hawai'i, and to help them acclimate to a new home in Hawai'i. For new student affiliates who may be already familiar with Hawai'i, those arriving in Honolulu for the first time will welcome their insights and support. Orientation participation is required, but sufficient time is built into the schedule to relax, settle in and take care of personal business. The Orientation includes seminars, meetings covering business and administrative matters, interactive sessions, day-trips on the island of O'ahu, a barbecue at a beach park, and other fun and engaging activities with student fellows, staff, and alumni.

Living on Campus at the East-West Center

The Student Affiliate Program was designed specifically for live-in residence with the expectation of active participation and engagement in the Center's residential graduate student community. A student affiliate is required by her/his participation agreement to live in either the Center's Hale Manoa or Hale Kuahine graduate residence hall at the participant rate, with East-West Center graduate degree fellows from over 50 countries including the United States.

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 Manoa 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 and its global neighborhood.

In the residence halls, Hale Manoa and Hale Kuahine, dormitory rooms are arranged in living units, with each unit consisting of three double and four single rooms. All rooms have telephone service and Internet access, and each living unit has shared bathroom facilities. Communal kitchen facilities and coin-operated laundry machines are located on each common floor. Other amenities include individual mailboxes, daily newspapers in the common area, snack/beverage vending machines, and ice machines. In addition, residents have access to lounges for TV viewing and small meetings or social functions. Rooms contain a desk, dresser, chair, bed, study lamp, telephone, fan, clock radio, bookshelf and closet space. Linen and bedding (including pillow, blanket, bedspread, two sheets, and a pillow slip) are provided. Certain floors or units of these residence halls are designated for male-only or female-only room assignments. Other areas are for coeducational living and where married couples are accommodated in double rooms. Hale Manoa also has music room and a ping-pong table that are shared by residents in both dormitories.

Each residence hall has a reception desk with services such as checking persons in and out of rooms, taking messages, providing change for laundry and vending machines, issuing spare keys, maintaining security and providing general information.

Participating in Regularly Scheduled Center Activities and Seminars, including:

- **Wednesday Evening Seminar.** The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) holds nine sessions each semester and is a gathering of East-West Center student participants in their first fall and spring semesters. WES brings together student 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 students focus their attention in highly specialized disciplines of study at the University, the Wednesday Evening Seminar strives to challenge Center participants 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, 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.
- **Community Service.** Student affiliates devote a minimum of 45 hours to community service within the East-West Center community over a two-year participation period. Through service learning, participants engage in the Center's cultural, academic, and community activities and events, develop leadership skills, broaden their understanding of the East-West Center multicultural community, and the ways in which transformational change can take place at personal, professional and grassroots levels.
- **Monthly report or reflective journal.** In their initial two semesters, student affiliates submit a brief, informal monthly report or reflective journal to the Student Program Specialist.

Additional Opportunities for Engagement

The following opportunities for engagement are not required of student affiliates, but many have pursued and benefitted personally and professionally from internships, field study and conference travel awards, and Center research projects.

East-West Center internships: Student affiliates are eligible to apply for internship possibilities that are offered each year. Interns gain leadership experience in planning and organizing student activities including the International Graduate Student Conference, editing the conference working paper series, and planning the Wednesday Evening Seminar. Internships have also been arranged in the EWC Publications Office, Research Information Services, and EWC Arts Program.

Competitive travel awards for field study and conference presentations: Student affiliates are eligible to apply for competitive East-West Center travel grants as well as East-West Center Association Hawaii Chapter travel awards for field studies and conference presentations.

Participation in an East-West Center research project: When a student affiliate's experience, knowledge and timing come together at the right moment for involvement in a Center research project, a Center researcher and student affiliate may do collaborative research. Such involvement may take a variety of forms, depending on the research project and need. Education program staff members are available to assist students as they explore opportunities for participation in Center research.

Participation & Duration of Award

Student affiliates live in East-West Center housing, participate in the Wednesday Seminar Series in their initial fall and spring terms, participate in community service activities within the Center, and submit a brief monthly report or reflective journal in their first two semesters to the Student Program Specialist.

Individuals selected as Student Affiliates will be on participation agreements at the East-West Center and accept roles of active participation in the program and international community, which require good judgment,

understanding, courtesy and respect for others. All participants are expected to adhere to the East-West Center's participant conduct code, resident conduct code, sexual harassment policy, and policy on academic freedom, which bars any classified (secret) activity or research and condemns any actions or statements, which may tend to interfere with academic freedom.

An initial student affiliate award is for two semesters and is renewable for up to 24 months for master's study or up to 48 months for doctoral study.

Application Procedures

Submit completed application form and supporting documents to the East-West Center, Education Program: Student Affiliate Program. Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked by the application deadline. If submitting an application in person, turn in your complete application by 4:30 PM of the application deadline.

All application materials and supporting documents should be delivered or sent to:

East-West Center
Student Affiliate Program – Attention: Student Program Specialist
John A. Burns Hall, Room 2108
1601 East-West Road
Honolulu, HI 96848-1601 USA
Email: Affiliates@EastWestCenter.org
<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/studentaffiliate>

Program Fee Refund Policy

- A full refund of the semester's program fee for **withdrawal from the EWC Student Affiliate program made on or before the first day of instruction** based of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa academic calendar.
- A fifty percent refund of the semester's program fee for **withdrawal from the EWC Student Affiliate program made after the 1st day to the end of the 7th week of instruction** based of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa academic calendar.
- No refunds of program fee will be given for **withdrawal from the EWC Student Affiliate program made after the start of the 8th week of instruction** based of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa academic calendar.

Program fee refunds will be made by the East-West Center Cashier's Office after the procedures for withdrawal from the EWC Student Affiliate Program have been followed. The Student Program Specialist and/or the Cashier's Office will provide notification when the refund check is ready and can be picked up, by presenting a form of picture identification, at the Cashier's Office at the first floor of Burns Hall.