



EAST-WEST CENTER
EDUCATION PROGRAM

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Dear Prospective Obuchi Scholarship Fellow:

The Obuchi Scholarship program is central to the East-West Center's mission of promoting understanding and cooperation among the countries and peoples of Asia, the Pacific and the United States through education, research and seminars. Center programs involve students in a full range of research, conference and community-building activities designed to prepare the people from the region for an era of increasing interdependence.

Each Obuchi Scholarship Fellow participates not only in a degree program at the University of Hawai'i but also becomes part of a vibrant and responsive community of East-West Center scholars focusing on issues that engage the Asia Pacific region and the U.S.

During the first year of the award, the Obuchi Fellow participates in at least two seminars designed by the EWC education program, and he or she remains actively engaged in the EWC community throughout the award. This includes completion of a graduate certificate in one of several areas of interdisciplinary study or invited involvement in an EWC research project, and the opportunity to participate in the EWC International Graduate Student Conference, a major scholarly conference held each February in Honolulu.

We look forward to receiving your application to join Center students, staff and alumni who have shared the experience of living and working in the unique international community of the East-West Center and University of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,

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Director