The East-West Center was established by the United States Congress in 1960 to “promote better relations and understanding between the United States and the nations of Asia and the Pacific region through cooperative study, education, and research.”

The Center works to strengthen relations in the region and serves as a national and regional resource for information and analysis on Asia and the Pacific. It provides a meeting ground where people with a wide range of perspectives exchange views on topics of regional concern. Since its founding more than 55,000 people have participated in Center programs. Many of these participants occupy key positions in government, business, journalism, and education in the region.

Officially known as the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West, the East-West Center is a public, nonprofit institution with an international board of governors. Funding comes from the U.S. government in addition to support provided by private agencies, individuals and corporations, and governments in the region.

Located in Honolulu, three miles from Waikiki and adjacent to the University of Hawai‘i, the Center’s 21-acre campus includes conference facilities, a research and administration office building, and three residential halls.
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