



**ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK–JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM  
2020 COMPETITION OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION INFORMATION**

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**2017 ADB-JSP Cohort**

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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.

## INSTITUTIONAL OVERVIEW

### **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 field, for students or professionals. At EWC, learning is a collaborative process in which each person contributes knowledge, experience, and perspective to benefit all participants. The Center recognizes the importance of establishing a space 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.

### **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**

The University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) is the flagship campus of the state university system. It was founded in 1907 and is located on 320 acres of land in Mānoa Valley, close to the center of metropolitan Honolulu. It is a comprehensive research university offering bachelor's degrees in 100 fields of study, master's degrees in 87, and professional and doctoral degrees in 59 fields. It enrolls approximately 17,700 full-time students each semester about 4,800 of whom are graduate students.

UHM and the East-West Center are separate organizations but maintain close institutional ties through a variety of programs, including the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program. All references to the University of Hawai'i found in this booklet refer to the Mānoa campus. Visit [www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate) for more information on UHM graduate programs.

### **Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program**

The Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP) was established in April 1988 with financing from the Government of Japan. The Scholarship provides one to two years funding for graduate students. It aims to provide an opportunity for well-qualified citizens of ADB's developing member countries to pursue postgraduate studies in economics, management, science and technology, and other development-related fields at participating academic institutions in the Asian and Pacific Region.

While pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, ADB-JSP Scholars participate in educational, cultural, residential community building, and leadership development programs at the East-West Center. Undertaking degree studies at UHM through the ADB-JSP Scholarship is not merely about receiving a financial aid scholarship. Since the basic purpose of the East-West Center is to build a sense of Asia-Pacific community, ADB-JSP Scholars live together and interact with each other in both intellectual and social activities. They are from the very outset an identifiable group committed to the notion of building an Asia-Pacific community. Through team-building activities, leadership development projects and internships, learning about the Asia Pacific region, cultural exchange, educational enrichment gatherings, community service and service learning projects, ADB-JSP Scholars establish friendships and lifelong ties to a network of people committed to positive change in the Asia Pacific region

## KEY COMPONENTS OF THE ADB-JSP SCHOLARSHIP EXPERIENCE

Beyond fulfilling degree requirements at the University of Hawai'i, ADB-JSP Scholars 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 at Mānoa the Center’s 21-acre campus features conference, research, and residential facilities nestled in the heart of beautiful Mānoa Valley. ADB-JSP scholars 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, ADB-JSP scholars develop lifelong relationships and a powerful sense of community with other EWC students who share an interest in the Asia Pacific region. Further Participant Information including details on our residence halls may be found at our website <http://ewcparticipantinfo.org>.

## Participating in East-West Center Programs

- **East-West Center Leadership Certificate:** The EWC Leadership Certificate Program has been custom-designed for Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program Scholars at the East-West Center, and is a program which they are required to complete. A certificate is awarded upon graduation. ADB-JSP Scholars complement their academic training with practical application of leadership theory, while deepening their understanding of key 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges facing leaders. Emphasis is on experiential and reflective learning with concrete outcomes to enhance personal leadership development. The curriculum is inter-disciplinary, applied, and covers a range of real-world topics which offer scholars authentic leadership challenges. This approach helps develop key leadership skills, such as diagnosing problems, mobilizing stakeholders, generating rapid results, and working effectively on teams, while forming a learning community of emerging Asia Pacific leaders. Visit: [www.eastwestcenter.org/leadershipcertificate](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/leadershipcertificate)
- **Community Service:** ADB-JSP Scholars devote 90 hours to community service during their award period. Through service learning activities, participants develop leadership skills, broaden their understanding of Hawai‘i and its multicultural community, and experience ways in which transformational change can take place at personal, professional and grassroots levels.

## STUDENT-LED PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

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

### International Graduate Student Conference

This multi-day conference, organized by EWC graduate students, has become one of the premier graduate student conferences in the world, and the largest focusing on the 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 filled by EWC graduate degree students. Visit: [www.eastwestcenter.org/studentconference](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/studentconference)

### East-West Fest

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://www.ewcpa.net/> for more current and scheduled events.

### The Exchange

The Exchange is a gathering of Center participants in their first fall and spring semesters. It brings together participants 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 ADB-JSP Scholars focus their attention in highly specialized disciplines of study at the UHM, The Exchange strives to challenge ADB-JSP Scholars 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. The Exchange is an activity planned and organized by East-West Center graduate degree students as part of an internship and leadership development experience. Through invited expert speakers, performances, films, food, and facilitated small group discussions on themes relevant to the United States and Asia Pacific region, The Exchange strives to create an environment for academic interaction and cultural learning between participants who themselves represent the vast diversity within the Asia Pacific region. In the process, they gain insights and forge bonds they will carry with them to their home countries, and that will forever link them to the Center's vast global community.

### **Community Building Institute**

The East-West Center Community Building Institute (CBI) is a pre-semester program for all new EWC participants that integrates team-building activities with dialogues on issues and concerns relevant to Asia Pacific communities.

## **SCHOLARSHIP BENEFITS**

### **Basic Funding Provisions for ADB-JSP Scholarship Recipients:**

- SEVIS Fee
- Tuition and fees at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- Housing in an East-West Center residence hall based on a single occupancy
- A monthly stipend to cover subsistence and incidental expenses
- An allowance for books and study materials
- Health insurance coverage
- Roundtrip airfare from home country to Hawaii and back

### **Housing**

Recipients of the scholarship who are single or married with no accompanying dependents below 18 years of age are required to reside in East-West Center dormitories. Single students reside in a single room. Married students joined by a spouse reside in a double room. Pets are not allowed in these dormitories. Individuals with dependent children under the age of 18 years cannot be accommodated in on-campus facilities and must reside off-campus. Further information about East-West Center housing facilities may be found at <http://ewcparticipantinfo.org/ewc-housing>.

## **AWARD CONDITIONS**

### **Length of Award**

The ADB-JSP Scholarship's initial award is for one year with the possibility of extension to a maximum of two years. The Scholarship may be renewed for the second year contingent upon a timely and satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree and fulfillment of the East-West Center requirements. The total award length may be less than the maximum allowable depending upon the field of study and the time necessary to complete degree requirements. ADB-JSP scholars are required to return to their home countries immediately upon program completion to share and apply the knowledge and experience gained during their ADB Program at the East-West Center. *ADB-JSP scholarship recipients are not eligible for Post-Completion Academic Training (PCAT) upon completion of their degree programs.*

### **Eligibility for the Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program**

Recipients of these highly competitive scholarships must be citizens of developing countries that are members of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), and have the equivalent of a four-year bachelor's degree and two full years of work experience at the time of application. The ADB-JSP Scholarship is approved for study in business administration, economics, geography, law (LLM degree only), natural resources and environmental management, ocean and resources engineering, oceanography, Pacific Islands studies, public administration, sociology, tropical plant and soil sciences, and urban and regional planning. Participants may also pursue the Global MBA-Japan Track degree. To determine citizenship eligibility, visit [www.adb.org/JSP](http://www.adb.org/JSP) for a list of current ADB member countries.



The basic eligibility requirements for the ADB-JSP scholarship at the East-West Center are as follows. Applicants must:

- Be a citizen of a developing member country of the Asian Development Bank and not more than 35 years old at the time of application.
- Have a 4-year bachelor's degree or the equivalent of a 4-year bachelor's degree, at the time of application. (An equivalent could be a 3-year bachelor's degree plus a 1-year master's degree, or a 2-year bachelor's degree plus a 2-year master's degree. This is subject to review.)
- Have at least 2 years of full-time professional work experience after a university degree at the time of application.
- Take one of the English proficiency tests; the minimum acceptable scores are 550 for the Paper-based TOEFL; 213 for the Computer-based TOEFL; and 79-80 for the internet-based TOEFL iBT; or 6.5 for the IELTS. Results must be from a test taken within the past two years.

Applicants with the following experience are not eligible for the ADB-JSP Scholarship:

- Applicants living or working in a country other than his/her home country are not eligible to apply.
- Applicants who have previously studied abroad, or who are seeking a second master's degree are not eligible to apply.

To make certain you are eligible to apply for the ADB-JSP Scholarship please read carefully all of the ADB-JSP eligibility requirements and criteria for selection on the ADB website at [www.adb.org/JSP](http://www.adb.org/JSP)

#### Programs of Study Funded by ADB-JSP at the East-West Center and Standardized Examinations Required

Eligible Master's Degree Programs	Exams required by both EWC & UHM	Additional Exams required by UHM
*Business Administration (Global MBA)	TOEFL or IELTS	GMAT or GRE
*Business Administration (Global MBA–Japan Focus)	TOEFL or IELTS	GMAT or GRE
Economics (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
Geography (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
*Law (LLM Degree – a one-year course of study for Foreign legal professional and law school graduates)	TOEFL or IELTS	-----
Natural Resources & Environmental Management (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
Ocean & Resources Engineering (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
Oceanography (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
Pacific Islands Studies (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS	-----
Public Administration (MPA)	TOEFL or IELTS	-----
Sociology (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
Tropical Plant & Soil Sciences (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS	GRE
Urban & Regional Planning (MURP)	TOEFL or IELTS	-----

\*Applicants for the Global MBA and LLM Programs must complete the application procedures and documentation requirements listed in these programs respective websites (LLM – <https://www.law.hawaii.edu/how-apply> and Global MBA – <http://www.shidler.hawaii.edu/mba/apply>). Applicants for all other ADB-JSP eligible Master's degree programs must complete the application procedures and documentation requirements listed in their respective program links found at the UHM Graduate Division website (<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs>).

Be sure to carefully read your UHM Master's program website in order to learn about all required application documents which may include some that are specific to that Master's program such as a departmental application form, a supplemental information form, a statement of objectives, a writing sample, curriculum vitae or resume, etc.

## Visa

ADB-JSP Scholars are required to come to the Center on an Exchange Visitor (J-1) visa and are subject to all provisions of the Exchange Visitor Program. Exchange visitors on East-West Center sponsorship are required to return to their home country for an aggregated period of two years after completion of their degree programs to share and apply the knowledge and experience gained during their ADB-JSP Program at the East-West Center and to contribute to the economic and social development of their home countries. *ADB-JSP Scholarship recipients are not eligible for Post-Completion Academic Training (PCAT) upon completion of their degree programs.* For further information contact the East-West Center Visa Office at [smallm@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:smallm@eastwestcenter.org).

## APPLYING FOR AN ADB-JSP SCHOLARSHIP FROM EWC & A MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM AT UHM

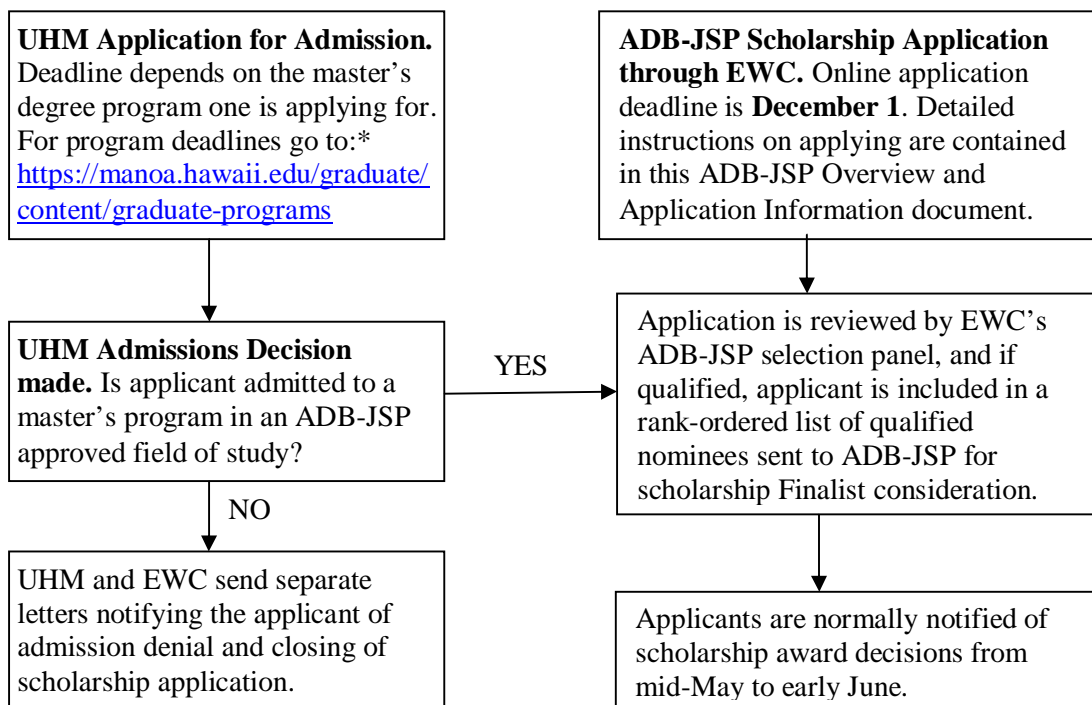
Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program supports master's degree study at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa in fields relevant to the goals and objectives of the Asian Development Bank and the East-West Center. Because scholars are funded by ADB-JSP to be involved in a fellowship program at the East-West Center and advanced degree study at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, they have obligations to all three institutions.

**Separate applications (including all required supporting documents) must be submitted to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for admission to a Master's degree program and to the East-West Center for a ADB-JSP scholarship.** It is not necessary to obtain admission to a UHM master's program *before* applying to the EWC for a ADB-JSP Scholarship. ADB-JSP Scholarships at EWC are awarded annually in an international competition.

## APPLICATION PROCESS OVERVIEW

Below is a diagram that summarizes the annual ADB-JSP scholarship competition's application process for EWC–UHM:

### Application Process: Separate Applications Submitted to UHM and EWC



\*Master of Business Administration (MBA) applicants see: <http://www.shidler.hawaii.edu/mba/apply>

\*Master of Law (LLM) applicants see: <https://www.law.hawaii.edu/how-apply>

## EWC – DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE ONLINE ADB-JSP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Go to the East-West Center’s Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program website ([www.eastwestcenter.org/adb](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/adb)) to access the link to the **Online ADB-JSP Application Form**. The submission deadline for the application form and uploading *softcopies* of the *supporting documents* listed below is **December 1**, for study to begin the following August.

*NOTE:* You may apply for up to two master’s degree programs. If so, list them both on one scholarship application form in order of preference. Do not submit a separate ADB-JSP application form for each master’s program.

**Deadline: DECEMBER 1** (11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time)

*Softcopies* of the following *supporting documents* must be uploaded by applicants along with submission of their online application form:

- Copies of certified Transcripts and Degree/Graduation Certificates from every university/college where course credits and grades have been earned.
- Curriculum Vitae *or* Resume
- *If available at the time, also upload a softcopy of:*
  - › TOEFL *or* IELTS Results (*only if exam taken within the last 2 years*)
  - › Screenshot or PDF of the “Application Acknowledgement” received from UHM immediately after submission of an online master’s program application. This acknowledgement will appear on the computer screen confirming receipt of the application by UHM. Applicants must remember to PDF or make a Screenshot of the “Application Acknowledgement” when it is received.

**Deadline: DECEMBER 15** (11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time)

When applicants submit the online ADB-JSP application form, a letter of reference form will automatically be emailed to each of the three referees they listed. Referees must complete and then upload letter of reference forms via a link provided in the email. Completed forms must be uploaded by **December 15**. Referees should be able to comment on your academic and/or professional work, on your long-term objectives and career prospects, and on your civic engagement such as involvement in volunteer service, leadership roles, extracurricular activities, and community building. As noted above, referees are required to submit their letters via the online application process.

Contact your referees in advance and get approval before you list their Name, Position and Employer, Address, Phone Number, and Work Email Address in the Reference Letters section of your online ADB-JSP application form. Make sure you correctly enter their email addresses on the application form. Once you submit your online application, your referees will automatically receive an email notifying them of your reference letter request and providing them with an ADB-JSP Letter of Reference form. A link for your referees to upload their completed forms will also be included in that email. All three reference letters must be received by the East-West Center no later than **December 15**.

*Applicants are responsible for confirming with referees that their letters have been uploaded by the deadline.* Applicants may not upload copies of reference letters received from referees into their online application. Any such letters will not be accepted.

**Deadline: MARCH 1** (11:59 PM Hawaii Standard Time)

Official *hardcopies* of the following documents must be received by the East-West Center directly from the school or testing service/center by **March 1**.

- Official transcripts and degree/graduation certificates must be received from each university/college where course credits and grades have been earned.
- Official TOEFL or IELTS results from a test taken in the last two years must be received from the testing service/center.

If *not* uploaded by *December 1* along with the other required *supporting documents* listed above, then by **March 1** a *softcopy* PDF or Screenshot of the above mentioned “Application Acknowledgement” confirmation page from UHM received on the applicant’s computer screen immediately upon submitting an online master’s program application must be emailed to the East-West Center at [adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org).

**Official Transcripts and Degree/Graduation Certificates.** The East-West Center must receive all required official academic records by **March 1**. An official transcript must be sent to the East-West Center at the address provided below by each



university or college where course credits and grades have been earned (including study abroad or exchange programs, summer programs, non-degree work, and extension programs), irrespective of whether a degree was obtained at the institution. The recording of grades of one school onto the transcript of another school does not meet this requirement. All universities/colleges where course credits and grades have been earned must be listed on the ADB-JSP application form.

Transcripts must be certified by a school official in charge of maintaining academic records and bear the actual inked stamp or embossed seal of the institution. An official degree or graduation certificate, certified in the same manner as the transcript, must be included if the transcript does not contain the type of degree awarded, field of study, and conferral date. *Photocopies or scanned copies of documents bearing certification do not meet this requirement.* Any transcript or degree certificate that was originally issued in a language other than English must be accompanied by a properly certified English translation.

Any academic records transmitted by facsimile equipment (fax) or email are considered *unofficial* copies and do not meet official certification requirements. Only documents that are received in sealed envelopes of the issuing school are considered official. Your college or university should mail your transcript, and degree/graduation certificate, directly to the East-West Center at the address below. However, if this is not the school's policy, you may mail these documents to the East-West Center only if they have already been sealed in an official school envelope – with an institutional stamp across the sealed envelope flap – by an official in charge of maintaining academic records.

Mail to: Award Services/ADB-JSP  
East-West Center  
1601 East-West Road  
John A. Burns Hall, Room 2066  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96848-1601 USA

**Official TOEFL or IELTS Results.** An ADB-JSP applicant's official TOEFL or IELTS score report must be received by the East-West Center no later than **March 1**. Applicants must have official results sent by the testing service/center directly to the East-West Center. *Only results from TOEFL or IELTS exams taken within the past two years are valid.*

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

- The East-West Center/ADB-JSP minimum TOEFL Total Score is 79 for an internet-based TOEFL iBT examination. Results must be from a test taken within the last two years. The Educational Testing Service ([www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)) can provide information on registering for the TOEFL exam.
- Official results must be sent directly from the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to the East-West Center. The "Applicant's Score Confirmation Report" will not be accepted. Please be sure to record the East-West Center's ETS school code 4868 on your answer sheet on the day of the test to ensure ETS sends your score report to the correct educational institution. 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 taken in lieu of the TOEFL. The East-West Center/ADB-JSP minimum IELTS Overall Band Score is 6.5. Results must be from a test taken within the last two years. Applicants can contact the British Council, Embassy, Consulate or IDP Education Office in their country for the nearest IELTS test center. It is advised that you also check the IELTS website ([www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)) for test center information and locations.
- An official score report must be sent directly to the East-West Center at the following address by the IELTS test center in a sealed official test center envelope (A photocopy or a student's copy is not acceptable as a substitute):

Mail to: Award Services/ADB-JSP  
East-West Center  
1601 East-West Road  
John A. Burns Hall, Room 2066  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96848-1601 USA

**Proof of UHM Admissions Application Submission.** A *softcopy* PDF or Screenshot of the aforementioned "Application Acknowledgement" confirmation page from UHM received on the applicant's computer screen immediately upon submitting an online UHM master's program application must either be (a) *uploaded* by **December 1** when submitting the online ADB-JSP application form, or be (b) *emailed* by **March 1** to the East-West Center at [adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org).

## **IMPORTANT STIPULATION FOR APPLICANTS TO READ AND UNDERSTAND:**

Applicants selected as Finalists will be awarded an ADB-JSP scholarship ***only if*** the East-West Center has received the following documents by **March 1**:

- (1) Official hardcopies of transcripts, degree/graduation certificates, and accompanying translations (*if needed*) from each university/college where course credits and grades have been earned that were sent directly to the East-West Center by the issuing schools.
- (2) Official hardcopy of either TOEFL *or* IELTS results from a test taken within the last two years that was sent directly to the East-West Center by the testing service/center.
- (3) A softcopy PDF or Screenshot of the “Application Acknowledgement” confirmation page from UHM received on the applicant’s computer screen immediately upon submitting an online master’s program application.

## **Essay Questions**

In the online application form, you will need to provide responses to the following four (4) important ESSAY QUESTIONS. Prepare well before answering these questions. Please compose the essays in your own words. Remember that your essays need to enable the readers to learn who you are and permit them to evaluate your suitability as a potential ADB-JSP scholarship recipient. You will not be permitted to exceed the maximum word limit designated for each question.

1. Write a brief biographical essay in which you discuss your background and the reasons motivating you to pursue graduate study. Include relevant experience and interest in the Asia Pacific region. Describe how this has led you to apply for an ADB-JSP scholarship. (*Limit: 500 words*)
2. Write an essay in which you discuss your long range goals and objectives for pursuing a master’s degree in your preferred field of study stating the relevance of those goals and objectives to the ADB vision and mission under **Strategy 2020** (*outlined below*), as described on the ADB website and in its publication, **Strategy 2020: Working for an Asia and Pacific Free of Poverty**. (*Limit: 500 words*)

The publication is available at: <http://www.adb.org/documents/strategy-2020-working-asia-and-pacific-free-poverty>

### **ADB Strategy 2020 Description**

ADB’s Strategy 2020, approved in April 2008, reaffirms both ADB’s vision of an Asia and Pacific free of poverty and mission to help its developing member countries improve their living conditions and quality of life. To achieve this, ADB will support three complementary development agendas: inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

### **ADB’s Transformation to Strategy 2020**

Significant efforts are being made to put ADB on track to achieve the goals of Strategy 2020. ADB is making efforts to align its:

- Operational planning
- Human resources
- Institutional structure
- Policies and strategies
- Business processes

ADB has developed a results framework to assess its progress in implementing Strategy 2020. It will annually monitor implementation through a development effectiveness review.

3. Describe ways you have participated in the life of your community in order to improve conditions for others and/or ways you have helped to shape the community's future in that direction. (*Limit: 250 words*)
4. Your East-West Center experience will include seminars, leadership projects, social and cultural activities, and living in a residential community alongside students from the U.S., Asia and the Pacific region, as well as other countries around the world. Explain how the Center fits within the context of your past experiences and your future plans. Discuss how you will contribute to the international community of the East-West Center and the building of an Asia-Pacific community. (*Limit: 250 words*)

If you have further questions about, or problems with your ADB-JSP application, email [adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org).

## UHM – REVIEW OF MASTER’S DEGREE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS APPLICATION PROCESS

Separate applications (including all required supporting documents) must be submitted to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa for admission into a Master’s degree program and to the East-West Center for an ADB-JSP scholarship.

*Contingent on submission of their UHM “Application Acknowledgement” as directed on Page 6, ADB-JSP scholarship recipients will be reimbursed upon arrival at EWC for the \$100 UHM admissions application fee they paid when filing their online UHM application for the master’s program in which they will be enrolled.*

*Note: Some UHM departments may be willing to waive the \$100 admissions application fee for ADB-JSP scholarship applicants. Interested individuals should email the department chair or graduate chair for the master’s program(s) they are interested in applying to and inquire if the department would be willing to waive the application fee.*

The University of Hawai‘i launches its online application system on **August 1** each year for admission the following year. For detailed application information go to: <http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs>. We strongly urge applicants to submit complete UHM graduate admission and departmental applications including all required supporting documents by **February 1** or earlier if their UHM departmental application deadline falls *before February 1* (e.g., the MBA program). This is so a university admissions decision can be made before the EWC’s ADB-JSP selection panel meets to nominate qualified candidates to the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program for scholarship consideration.

Information and instructions on all admission application requirements for master’s degree programs can be found at the UHM Graduate Division website (<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs>). If they wish, ADB-JSP Scholarship Program applicants may apply for admission to two master’s programs and then list them in order of preference on their ADB-JSP application form. However, if selected for a scholarship award, they may enroll in only one degree program. Do not use the UHM Graduate Admissions Application Form if you are seeking admission to a Global MBA Business Program (<http://shidler.hawaii.edu/mba/apply>) or the master’s level LLM Law Program ([www.law.hawaii.edu/how-apply](http://www.law.hawaii.edu/how-apply)). The application forms for these fields must be obtained from the respective program. Contact the appropriate UHM department graduate chairperson or consult the department website if you have further questions about what is needed to gain admission to a desired academic program or how to obtain required *departmental* application materials (<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs>).

Be sure to submit all standardized test results such as TOEFL, IELTS, GRE, or GMAT that are required of applicants both by the UHM Graduate Division and by the master’s degree program to which the applicant is seeking admission. Official results from these exams should be sent by the testing service directly to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. Use UHM school code **4867** for TOEFL and GRE scores. Have the IELTS test center send an official score report to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (Graduate Division). GMAT results for the Global MBA programs should be sent to UHM school code **PBQ-59-09**.

Test Of English As A Foreign Language (**TOEFL**) and International English Language Testing System (**IELTS**).

- TOEFL website: [www.ets.org/toefl](http://www.ets.org/toefl)
- IELTS website: [www.ielts.org](http://www.ielts.org)

Depending on the field of study selected, applicants may also be required to take the Graduate Management Admission Test (**GMAT**) or Graduate Record Exam (**GRE**).

- GMAT website: <https://www.mba.com/global>
- GRE website: <https://www.ets.org/gre>

## PROGRAM COMMENCEMENT FOR ADB-JSP SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program annual Fall semester intake begins in early August with the East-West Center Community Building Institute (CBI) that includes time for advising and registration at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. All new ADB-JSP Scholars are required to participate in the CBI.

Although the University of Hawai‘i academic calendar is based on a semester system, the Center does not conduct an Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program competition for Spring semester intake.

## TAX INFORMATION

### 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 student's academic program such as tuition and fees, books and materials and supplies, are exempt. Funds for health insurance provided by the Center from United States funding sources are subject to United States Government taxes. Some students may be exempt from the United States Government taxes by virtue of tax treaties that the United States Government has signed with a number of countries. Specific treaty benefits for each nation can be found in Internal Revenue Service Publication 901. The Center is required by law to withhold taxes each month at a 14% rate of all taxable items such as health insurance.

## SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS

### Spouses and Dependents

The ADB-JSP Scholarship does not provide support for spouses and dependents. 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.

ADB-JSP Scholars are required to come to Honolulu alone for the first semester of the award to become acquainted with the East-West Center, the University of Hawai'i, and the Honolulu community, before arranging to have their families join them.

ADB-JSP Scholars who plan eventually to have family join them should be aware of the high cost of living in Honolulu, the limited availability and high cost of off-campus housing, and the difficulty in finding employment opportunities for spouses.

The East-West Center provides limited assistance in the following ways:

- During the period of the scholarship, the Center may arrange dormitory space for the spouse by providing a double room beginning the second semester of the award. The ADB-JSP fellow is responsible for the additional cost of a double room beyond the single-room rate.
- If an ADB-JSP 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 ADB-JSP fellow living off-campus with family is eligible for an off-campus housing allowance equivalent to the rate of the single room in the East-West Center residence hall.
- ADB-JSP Scholars are responsible for all other costs for their spouses and children.

## SOURCES FOR OBTAINING INFORMATION ON ADB-JSP AND THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program information is available from both [www.EastWestCenter.org/adb](http://www.EastWestCenter.org/adb) and [www.adb.org/JSP](http://www.adb.org/JSP). Questions regarding application procedures may also be emailed to [adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org](mailto:adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org).

## OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

### EAST-WEST CENTER GRADUATE DEGREE FELLOWSHIP

The East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship provides master's and doctoral funding for graduate students from Asia, the Pacific, and the United States to participate in educational, cultural, residential community building, and leadership development programs at the East-West Center while pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawai'i. Undertaking degree study at UH through an East-West Center fellowship is not merely about receiving a financial aid scholarship. Since the basic purpose of the East-West Center is to build a sense of Asia-Pacific community, EWC graduate student fellows live together and interact with each other in both intellectual and social activities. They are from the very outset an identifiable group committed to the notion of building a cohesive Asia Pacific community. Through team-building activities, leadership

development projects and internships, learning about the Asia Pacific region, cultural exchange, educational enrichment gatherings, community service and service learning projects, EWC graduate degree fellows establish friendships and lifelong ties to a network of people committed to positive change in the region.

The graduate degree fellowship covers the cost of tuition and fees, books, housing in an East-West Center dormitory, health insurance and partial funding toward meals and incidental expenses. Funding for field study and conference presentations is offered on a competitive basis during the fellow's period of study. Priority in the student selection process is given to applicants with a demonstrated commitment to the Asia Pacific region.

Applicants interested in consideration of the Graduate Degree Fellowship, EWCA Alumni, supplemental and standalone scholarships funded through endowed scholarships should complete the Graduate Degree Fellowship scholarship application for consideration. For further information, please visit [www.eastwestcenter.org/gdf](http://www.eastwestcenter.org/gdf).

