

East-West Center

ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK — JAPAN SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

OVERVIEW AND APPLICATION INFORMATION

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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.

The 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 99 fields of study, master's degrees in 85, and professional and doctoral degrees in 58 fields. It enrolls approximately 18,000 full-time students each semester about 5,000 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 for more information on UHM graduate programs.

Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program Overview

The Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP) was established in April 1988 with financing from the Government of Japan.

The ADB-JSP 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 information about our residence halls may be found at our website, <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/about-ewc/housing/student-housing>.

Participating in Regularly Scheduled Center Activities and Seminars, Including:

- **Community Building Institute (CBI):** The East-West Center Community Building Institute (CBI) is an academic program for new participants. CBI integrates team building activities for East-West Center communities with dialogues on issues and concerns relevant to Asia Pacific communities. Further information can be found at CBI website, <http://www.EastWestCenter.org/communitybuildinginstitute>.
- **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.
- **East-West Center Leadership Certificate Program:** The EWC Leadership Certificate Program is a custom-designed for Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program Scholars at the East-West Center, 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 21st century challenges facing leaders. Emphasis is on experiential and reflective learning with concrete outcomes to enhance personal leadership development. The curriculum is project-based and inter-disciplinary, consisting of leadership modules on a range of topics which take place over several weeks. Each module is developed in partnership with respected community organizations, during which learners are immersed into an authentic leadership challenge they must solve. This approach helps ADB-JSP Scholars 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.

Past modules have included:

- Energy Security Leadership in partnership with Blue Planet Foundation
- Disaster Resilient Leadership in partnership with American Red Cross
- Cultural Diversity Leadership in partnership with Doris Duke Foundation for Islamic Art

For additional information, visit: www.eastwestcenter.org/leadershipcertificate

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 students at the Center, 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 held by two EWC graduate degree students. Visit www.EastWestCenter.org/studentconference.

Wednesday Evening Seminar: The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) is a gathering of Center participants in their first fall and spring semesters. WES 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 University, the Wednesday Evening Seminar 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. This seminar series is planned and organized by East-West Center graduate degree students as part of an internship and leadership development 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. In the process, they gain insights and forge bonds that carry with them to their home countries, linking them to the Center's diverse global community. Further information can be found at WES website, <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/student-programs/wednesday-evening-seminar>.

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.

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. Further information on the latest Fest can be found at <https://ewcpa.net/east-west-fest-2016/>.

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.

Eligibility for an Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship

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 for a list of current ADB member countries.

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

- Be a citizen of a developing member country of the Asian Development Bank.
- 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; or 6.5 for the IELTS. Results must be from a test taken within the past two years.

Individuals are not eligible to apply for the ADB-JSP Scholarship if:

- They are living or working in a country other than their home country.
- They have already studied abroad, or seeking a second graduate degree.

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

Eligible Fields of Study

Fields of Study Funded by ADB-JSP:	Exams Required by Field of Study:
*Business Administration (Global MBA)	TOEFL or IELTS and GMAT
*Business Administration (Global MBA–Japan Focus)	TOEFL or IELTS and GMAT
Economics (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS and GRE
Geography (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS and 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 and GRE
Ocean & Resources Engineering (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS and GRE
Oceanography (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS and GRE
Pacific Islands Studies (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS
Public Administration (MPA)	TOEFL or IELTS
Sociology (MA)	TOEFL or IELTS and GRE
Tropical Plant & Soil Sciences (MS)	TOEFL or IELTS and GRE
Urban & Regional Planning (MURP)	TOEFL or IELTS

*Applicants for the LLM and Global MBA 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 Office of Graduate Education's website (<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/content/graduate-programs>).

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 wongv@eastwestcenter.org.

FUNDING PROVISIONS

Basic Funding Provisions for ADB-JSP Scholarship Recipients:

- Tuition and fees at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa
- Housing in the 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 accompanied 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 <https://www.eastwestcenter.org/about-ewc/housing>.

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.

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.

APPLYING FOR ADB-JSP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM AT EWC & 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 ADB 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, they have obligations to all three institutions.

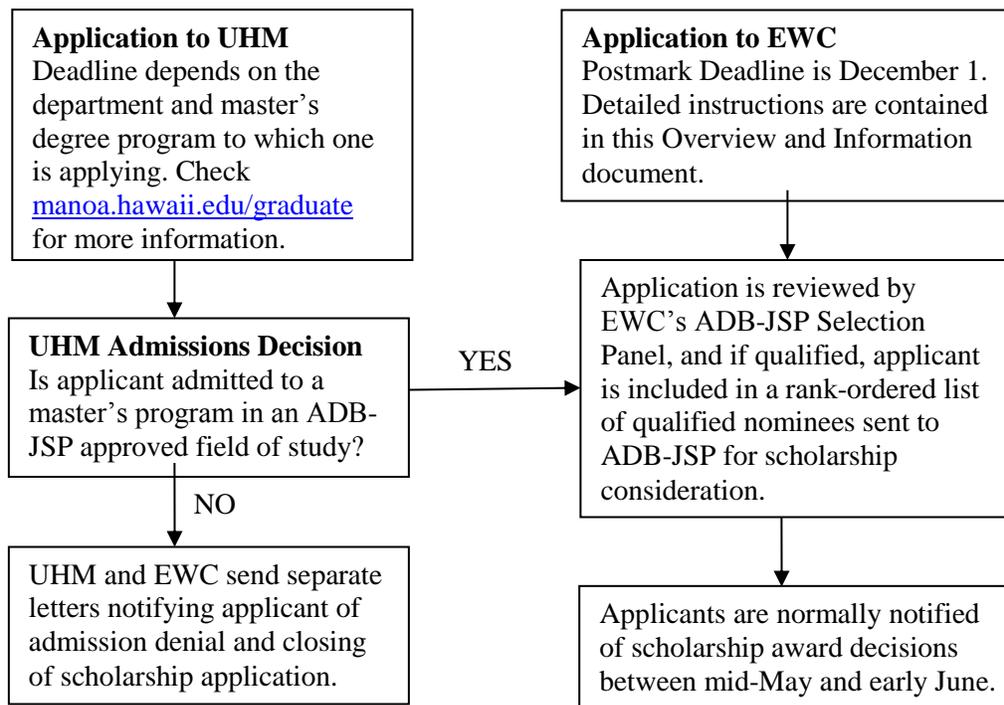
Separate applications (including all required supporting documents) must be submitted to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for admission into a Master's degree program and to the East-West Center for an ADB-JSP scholarship.

It is not necessary to obtain admission to a UHM master's program *before* applying to the EWC for an ADB-JSP Scholarship. ADB-JSP Scholarships at EWC are awarded annually in an international competition. The postmark deadline for applications is **December 1 (or following Monday if deadline falls on a weekend)**, for study to begin the following August. Standardized test results, transcripts and degree/graduation certificates, and reference letters can be sent after December 1, but must be received before the review process begins early in the following year.

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



East-West Center – ADB-JSP Scholarship Application

Download application materials for the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program from the East-West Center website www.eastwestcenter.org/adb which include:

- Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Application Form
- Cover Letter and Essays
- Letter of Reference Form – Academic or Professional (provide two references)
- Letter of Reference Form – Civic Engagement (provide one reference)

If you are unable to download application material from our website, email a request to adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org.

East-West Center – Required Standardized Tests for ADB-JSP Scholarship Application

Either TOEFL (www.ets.org/toefl) or IELTS (www.ielts.org) results are required to be submitted to the East-West Center by all ADB-JSP applicants. Official results need to be sent by the testing service directly to the East-West Center. The Center requires a minimum iBT-TOEFL Total Score of 79 or a minimum IELTS Overall Band Score of 6.5.

Please have the Educational Testing Service (ETS) use school code **4868** for submitting official TOEFL results, or have the IELTS test center send an official IELTS score report to the following address:

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

East-West Center – Required Academic Transcripts for ADB-JSP Scholarship Application

One (1) set of official transcripts is required from each college or university listed on your ADB-JSP application form. An official transcript must be certified by the appropriate school official in charge of maintaining academic records and must bear the actual inked stamp or embossed seal of the institution. A copy of the degree and/or graduation certificate, certified in the same manner as the transcript, must be included if the transcript does not list the type of degree awarded or conferral date. Photo or scanned copies of documents bearing certification do not meet this requirement. Only documents that are received by the East-West Center in sealed envelopes of the issuing school are considered official.

Colleges or universities should mail your transcripts (and degree/graduation certificate if needed) directly to the East-West Center at the above Award Services/ADB-JSP address. However, if this is not their school's policy, you may include transcripts with your application if they are in sealed school envelopes. Documents that arrive before your application will be kept on file until we are able to consolidate them with your application.

East-West Center – Required Letters of Reference for ADB-JSP Scholarship Application

Please identify three individuals who would be willing to recommend you for the ADB-JSP Scholarship Program. Two of the individuals should comment on your academic or professional work, and long-term objectives and career prospects, while the third referee should comment on your civic engagement such as involvement in volunteer service, leadership roles, extracurricular activities, and community building. Please be sure that your name and the recommender's name are on the letter of reference form before giving it to the letter writer.

East-West Center – Submission of ADB-JSP Application Materials

Applications that are postmarked by December 1 (or following Monday if deadline falls on a weekend) will be considered for a scholarship. If you mail your application close to this deadline, be sure to obtain a receipt as proof that it was accepted by the post office or other mail service on or before December 1.

Your application materials should include the following:

- ADB-JSP application. You may apply for up to two master's degree programs. If so, list them both on one application form in order of preference. Do not submit a separate ADB-JSP application form for each program.
- A cover letter, responses to all five essay questions, and curriculum vitae.

University of Hawai'i – MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAM ADMISSIONS APPLICATION

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.

You are required to send the East-West Center a copy of your UHM Graduate Admissions Application Form for inclusion in your ADB-JSP application file. You can mail a hardcopy to the EWC Award Services Office/ADB-JSP or email a softcopy to adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org.

EWC will reimburse ADB-JSP scholarship recipients for one UHM Graduate Admissions Application Fee upon arrival in Honolulu and upon submission of the Graduate Admission Application and Fee confirmation/receipt provided by UHM when uploading the online application.

The University of Hawai‘i launches its online application system (located here: <https://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate>) on August 1 each year for admission the following year. We strongly urge all applicants to submit complete admission and departmental applications including all required materials by February 1, regardless of whether the UHM departmental deadline falls after that date, so that a University admissions decision can be made before the EWC’s ADB-JSP Selection Panel meets to nominate a rank-ordered list of qualified candidates for scholarship consideration to the Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program.

Information and instructions on all admission application requirements for master’s degree programs can be found at the UHM Office of Graduate Education website (<http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate>). 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 LLM Law Program (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 Office of Graduate Education 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 (Office of Graduate Education). GMAT results for Global MBA programs should be sent to UHM school code **PBQ-5926**.

COMMENCEMENT OF THE PROGRAM

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.

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 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, EWC graduate degree fellows establish friendships and lifelong ties to a network of people committed to positive change in the Asia Pacific 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.

Individuals interested in being considered for the Graduate Degree Fellowship should complete a GDF scholarship application (www.eastwestcenter.org/gdf). All Graduate Degree Fellowship applicants are also considered for EWCA Alumni, supplemental and standalone scholarships. These awards are funded through privately endowed scholarships administered by the East-West Center Foundation.

OBTAINING INFORMATION AND MATERIALS FOR THE ADB-JSP APPLICATION

Asian Development Bank–Japan Scholarship Program information and downloadable application materials are available at www.EastWestCenter.org/adb. Questions regarding application procedures may be emailed to adbjsp@eastwestcenter.org.