



China Scholarship Council – East-West Center Joint Affiliate Scholar Program

PROGRAM OVERVIEW. The East-West Center's student programs, carried out in partnership with the University of Hawai'i, are designed to foster a shared sense of community and develop the leadership skills and regional literacy needed for regional cooperation and community building among nations. At the East-West Center (EWC), learning is viewed as a collaborative process in which each person contributes knowledge, experience, and multi-cultural perspectives to benefit all participants. During the year, approximately 450 people study in residence at the Center. Most are involved in graduate programs and enrolled in course-work at the adjoining University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) campus.

The China Scholarship Council (CSC) is a non-profit institution with legal person status affiliated with the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China (PRC). The objective of the CSC is to provide financial assistance to Chinese citizens wishing to study abroad and to foreign citizens wishing to study in China in order to develop educational, scientific, technological, cultural and economic cooperation between China and other countries, to strengthen the friendship and understanding between Chinese people and the people of all other countries, and to promote world peace and the socialist modernization drive in China.

The CSC-EWC Joint Affiliate Scholar program provides a limited number of opportunities for graduate students from universities and institutions in the PRC, to have a short-term affiliation with the Center while working on a thesis or dissertation research related to the Asia Pacific region. Affiliate scholars pursue their research in the library, and they connect with faculty and other scholars and specialists at the East-West Center and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) whom they have previously identified as sharing their interests.

Applicants to the CSC-EWC Joint Affiliate Scholar Program should understand that they may receive funding from the CSC, or from other sources, but that they will be individually responsible for paying their own expenses while in residence at the EWC, including without limitation travel, living expenses and health insurance. **Affiliate Scholars pay a program administration fee of US \$40 per month of award.**

Affiliate Scholars are encouraged to actively participate in a rich set of East-West Center activities, and during the Fall and Spring semesters are required to attend a weekly evening seminar on issues of concern to the Asia Pacific region.

The Affiliate Scholar Program was designed specifically for live-in residence with the expectation of full participation and engagement in the EWC's residential graduate student community. For this reason an Affiliate Scholar in residence at the EWC in Honolulu 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 single room rate of US\$15 per night, with degree fellows from over 40 countries including the United States. With respect to a

participant's children, EWC Housing policy states that dependents under 18 years of age cannot be accommodated in the Center's graduate residence halls. Thus, as a matter of policy, the East-West Center does not provide visa sponsorship for the children of an Affiliate Scholar. The graduate residence halls can accommodate a participant's spouse in a double room at the rate of US\$21 per night.

Prior to submitting an Affiliate Scholar application, prospective applicants need to have established a mentoring arrangement with at least one faculty member, researcher, scholar, or other specialist at the East-West Center or University of Hawai'i at Mānoa who shares their academic interests and who has agreed to supervise their research efforts.

Consideration for the CSC-EWC Joint Affiliate Scholar Program is both competitive and based on space availability. The application deadline for the CSC-EWC Affiliate Scholar program is **January 15**. Applicants who are successful will be invited to apply directly to the CSC for confirmation of funding with a deadline of **April 5** for this separate CSC application. To be eligible for J-1 visa sponsorship, applicants must verify sufficient funds for the duration their proposed study period. An estimate of expenses is US \$1,500 per month. For example: If an applicant requests Affiliate Scholar status for three months, the applicant would need resources of USD \$4,500 to verify sufficient funds for the duration of the J-1 visa sponsorship period.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS. To apply for the CSC-EWC Joint Affiliate Scholar Program, please complete the CSC-EWC Joint Affiliate Scholar application form and submit the following documents:

- Completed application form.
- Curriculum vitae or resume.
- A thesis, dissertation or other appropriate research project proposal.
- Two (2) academic letters of reference [use reference letter form] -- one of which must be from the applicant's graduate program advisor.
- One (1) affiliation letter from a faculty member, researcher, scholar, or other specialist at the East-West Center or University of Hawai'i at Mānoa that confirms his/her agreement to supervise and mentor the applicant and describes what specifically s/he would provide the applicant under this arrangement.
- One (1) official transcript reflecting the applicant's most recent academic work.
- Official score report sent directly from the TOEFL or IELTS English language test agency. For the TOEFL, please use institution code 4868; for the IELTS, use the address below to report your IELTS results.

Send application and accompanying documents to:

East-West Center
Education Program
Attention: CSC-EWC Joint Affiliate Scholar Program
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96848-1601 USA

Contact information:

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