



EAST-WEST CENTER STUDENT AFFILIATE PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The East-West Center Student Affiliate Program was established to expand opportunities for involvement in the programs of the East-West Center. The East-West Center Student Affiliate Program gives externally funded (e.g., Fulbright or other scholarship), graduate assistants, or self-funded graduate students at the University Hawai'i at Mānoa (UHM) the opportunity to participate in the Center's educational programs and leadership development opportunities, and to live in its international residence halls. The Student Affiliate Program provides an opportunity for these individuals to interact on a daily basis with the Center's degree fellows, staff, and other participants from across the U.S. and more than 50 countries, and has proven for many to be instrumental in helping to establish lasting relationships that extend into future careers or other endeavors.

Student affiliates come from the United States and around the world. Priority is given to students with research or major projects focusing on the Asia Pacific region, demonstrated professional commitment to the Asia Pacific region, demonstrated commitment to community service, leadership potential, and those seeking to actively contribute to the East-West Center community.

ELIGIBILITY

Who is eligible to apply to the East-West Center Student Affiliate Program:

- Full-time classified graduate students at UHM in good academic standing.
- Students attending UHM on special graduate exchange programs.

Note: The Student Affiliate Program has a competitive application process and space is limited. Those whose interest is primarily in securing student housing are encouraged to apply to the EWC Special Housing Program for UHM graduate students. For information and application, visit www.eastwestcenter.org/about-ewc/housing/student-housing.

BENEFITS

- Participation in a dynamic international community of East-West Center participants and alumni;
- Participation in the East-West Center Community Building Institute (this takes place before the UH semester begins and is a requirement for all incoming student affiliates);
- Special participant housing rate of \$15 per night for a furnished single room in an East-West Center residence hall (the Center has limited availability of double rooms at \$23 per night for students whose spouses join them);
- Eligibility for competitive Center travel awards for field study or conference presentation;
- Participation in the Center's educational, cultural, leadership development and extracurricular programs;

- Membership in the East-West Center Participants Association (EWCPA);
- Eligibility for participation in a professional mentoring program sponsored by the East-West Center Associates office;
- Eligibility for participation in the 'Ohana (family) program sponsored by the Friends of the East-West Center. This is an opportunity for students to experience another culture and way of life. Host families invite students into their family life in various ways, such as an occasional dinner at home, a picnic, a holiday celebration, cultural activity or sports event.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Student affiliates must be enrolled at UHM, make satisfactory progress toward the degree and maintain academic standards deemed mandatory by UHM and EWC;
- Participate in the East-West Center Wednesday Evening Seminar during their first fall and spring semester;
- Maintain active involvement in the EWC student community;
- Participate in community service activities and support events within the EWC for 10 hours per semester in fall and spring, and 5 hours over the summer months for affiliates who remain in Honolulu during the summer;
- Live on-campus in East-West Center housing;
- Make on-time payment(s) of the Student Affiliate Program fee of \$250 due before the start of each semester;
- Make on-time monthly rent payment to EWC Housing;
- Submit a monthly report or reflective journal during the first year on participation and engagement at EWC;
- Adhere to the East-West Center's policy on academic freedom which bars any classified (secret) activity or research, and condemns any actions or statements on the part of anyone which may tend to interfere with the academic freedom of any participant at the East-West Center.

Refer to the section below on key components of the student affiliate experience for more detail.

PROGRAM FEE AND OTHER EXPENSES

- A program fee of \$250 per semester is due before each Fall and Spring semester. There is no program fee in summer for student affiliates who maintain active affiliate status through summer months and are actively engaged in the Center's student programs;
- The Student Affiliate Program fee must be paid in full before the first day of instruction of the semester based on the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa academic calendar;
- Student affiliates are responsible for all expenses connected with their program of study and living expenses in an East-West Center graduate residence hall;
- Student affiliates are required to have sufficient health insurance coverage.

Note: The program fee is not required at the time of application to the program. The payment is made after acceptance to the Student Affiliate Program.

DURATION OF PROGRAM PARTICIPATION

The Student Affiliate award is for a total of 24 months for MA students, or 48 months for doctoral study, or a combination of MA and doctoral study, subject to the terms of your Participation Agreement. The Student Affiliate is assessed every 12 months regarding academic progress and fulfillment of East-West Center responsibilities.

Students needing more time to complete their degrees can reapply for Student Affiliate status for a maximum of two additional semesters (12 months) for Master's study or 24 months for doctoral study. Applications will be granted based on availability and student standing as part of the EWC Community as outlined below. Students enrolled in the nine-month Master of Law, LL.M., or those enrolled in one or two semester graduate exchange programs are eligible to be student affiliates for the duration of their program.

Individuals selected as Student Affiliates sign a participant agreement at the East-West Center and accept roles of active engagement in the program and international community, which require good judgment, understanding, courtesy and respect for others. All participants are expected to adhere to the East-West Center's participant conduct code, resident conduct code, policy on sexual harassment, and policy on academic freedom, which bars any classified (secret) activity or research and condemns any actions or statements, which may tend to interfere with academic freedom.

KEY COMPONENTS OF THE EAST-WEST CENTER STUDENT AFFILIATE EXPERIENCE

By joining the Center's student programs, student affiliates make a commitment to actively participate in international dialogue on issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region, including the United States, and its global neighborhood. Student affiliates have opportunities to participate in leadership development projects, practice becoming agents for positive change through community service engagement, and develop diverse international friendships and professional networks as they actively participate in and contribute to the East-West Center and its student community.

Beyond maintaining strong academic standing and making progress in degree requirements at the University of Hawai'i, East-West Center Student Affiliates participate in the Center programs and international community. Key experiential components and requirements are described below.

Living on Campus at the East-West Center: The Student Affiliate Program was designed specifically for live-in residence with the expectation of active participation and engagement in the Center's residential graduate student community. A student affiliate is required by her/his participation agreement to live in either the Center's Hale Mānoa or Hale Kuahine graduate residence hall at the participant rate, with East-West Center graduate degree fellows from more than 50 countries including the United States.

Located in Honolulu adjacent to the University of Hawai'i, the Center's 21-acre campus features conference, research, and residential facilities nestled in the heart of beautiful Mānoa Valley.

Students 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, East-West Center students develop lifelong relationships and a powerful sense of community with others who share an interest in the Asia Pacific region and its global neighborhood.

In the residence halls, Hale Mānoa and Hale Kuahine, dormitory rooms are arranged in living units, with each unit consisting of three double and four single rooms. All rooms have telephone service and Internet access, and each living unit has shared bathroom facilities. Communal kitchen facilities and coin-operated laundry machines are located on each common floor. Other amenities include individual mailboxes, daily newspapers in the common area, snack/beverage vending machines, and ice machines. In addition, residents have access to lounges for TV viewing and small meetings or social functions. Rooms contain a desk, dresser, chair, bed, study lamp, telephone, fan, clock radio, bookshelf and closet space. Linen and bedding (including pillow, blanket, two sheets, and a pillow slip) are provided. Certain floors or units of these residence halls are designated for male-only or female-only room assignments. Other areas are for coeducational living and where married couples are accommodated in double rooms. Hale Mānoa also has music room and a ping-pong table that are shared by residents in both dormitories.

Each residence hall has a reception desk with services such as checking persons in and out of rooms, taking messages, providing change for laundry and vending machines, issuing spare keys, maintaining security and providing general information.

Community Building Institute: All incoming students must participate in the Community Building Institute at the East-West Center, which takes place before the start of the University semester. The Community Building Institute (CBI) is an academic program for new participants, which integrates team building activities for East-West Center communities with dialogues on concerns and responsibilities related to Asia Pacific communities. For the purposes of this institute Pacific communities by definition include the United States.

As participants from the United States, Asia and the Pacific, or participants conducting research impacting peoples of the Asia Pacific region, we have responsibilities and expectations from family, friends, academics, governments, and people of the region. Through the CBI, together we explore the many responsibilities participants face within these many communities, and as East-West Center participants. During CBI, we also discuss strategies for addressing concerns within Asia Pacific communities, as well as provide tools for navigating the complex roles of these communities of the Asia Pacific region and at the East-West Center (EWC).

CBI is a collaborative effort, with students, volunteers, and EWC staff all contributing to this unique and transformative experience.

For Student Affiliates beginning in the spring semester, CBI will start in early **January**.

For Student Affiliates beginning in the fall semester, CBI will start in early **August**.

For specific dates and information regarding Community Building Institute, please visit the CBI web page; [CBI website](#).

Note: Acceptance into the Student Affiliate Program is contingent upon arriving in time to participate fully in the Community Building Institute.

Wednesday Evening Seminar: The Wednesday Evening Seminar (WES) holds nine sessions each semester and is a gathering of East-West Center student participants in their first fall and spring semesters. WES brings together student fellows 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. All Student Affiliates must attend WES. While graduate students focus their attention in highly specialized disciplines of study at the University, the Wednesday Evening Seminar strives to challenge Center participants 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 students as part of an internship experience. Through invited expert speakers, films, and facilitated small group discussions on themes relevant to the United States and Asia Pacific region, WES strives to create an environment for academic interaction, leadership development, and cultural learning between participants who themselves represent the vast diversity within the Asia Pacific region. For current and recent WES syllabi and speakers, visit: www.eastwestcenter.org/studentprograms

Community Service: Student affiliates devote a minimum of 10 hours per fall and spring semester to community service within the East-West Center community, and 5 hours over the summer months for affiliates who remain in Honolulu during the summer. Through service learning, participants engage in the Center's cultural, academic, and community activities and events, develop leadership skills, broaden their understanding of the East-West Center multicultural community, and the ways in which transformational change can take place at personal, professional and grassroots levels.

Monthly Report or Reflective Journal: In their initial two semesters, student affiliates submit a brief, informal monthly report or reflective journal to the coordinator of the Student Affiliate Program, on their reflections, participation and engagement at EWC.

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

The following opportunities for engagement are not required of student affiliates, but many have pursued and benefitted personally and professionally from internships, field study and conference travel awards.

East-West Center leadership development internships: Student Affiliates are eligible to apply for internships offered each year. Several internship possibilities are offered each year. Student Affiliates in internship programs gain leadership experience in planning and organizing student activities including the International Graduate Student Conference, the Wednesday Evening Seminar, as well as support and enrichment gatherings.

- The Wednesday Evening Seminar is a required gathering of Center participants on a new award in their first fall and spring semesters. Visit the [WES website](#) for more information.
- The East-West Center International Graduate Student Conference is a multi-day conference, organized by graduate students at the Center and has become one of the premier graduate student conferences in the world. Visit the [IGSC website](#) for more info.

Competitive travel awards for field study and conference presentations: Student affiliates are eligible to apply for competitive East-West Center travel grants as well as East-West Center Association Hawaii Chapter travel awards for field studies and conference presentations.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Submit completed application form and supporting documents to the East-West Center Award Services Office, noting that the application is for the Student Affiliate Program. Applications submitted by mail must be postmarked by the application deadline. If submitting an application in person, turn in your complete application by 4:30 PM of the application deadline.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

For consideration for Spring semester: Complete application form and required documents must be postmarked by **November 1**.

For consideration for Fall semester: Complete application form and required documents must be postmarked by **June 1**.

Note: Acceptance into the Student Affiliate Program is contingent upon arriving in time to participate fully in the Community Building Institute.

For more information, please visit the CBI webpage: [CBI website](#).

Considerations before applying: Carefully review the Overview of the Student Affiliate Program to learn more about the Community Building Institute. Participation in the Community Building Institute is required of all new student affiliates. Acceptance into the Student Affiliate Program is contingent upon arriving in time to participate fully in the Community Building Institute.

All application materials and supporting documents should be delivered or sent to:

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Student Affiliate Program
Attention: Award Services
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Honolulu, HI 96848-1601 USA

<http://www.eastwestcenter.org/studentaffiliate>

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