Research Information Services (RIS)

Research Information Services (RIS) supports the research, education, dialogue, and professional development activities of the East-West Center.

Services

RIS provides general reference and circulation services to Center staff and participants and, on a more limited basis, to faculty, staff and students at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa (UHM) and to the general public. General services include: desk and phone reference services; access to online catalogs and other library resources; and self-service photocopying.

In addition to its general services, RIS provides these special services to East-West Center staff and long-term visiting fellows:

- Acquisition of books, journals, electronic publications and databases for Research, Education, and Seminar program activities
- Current-awareness services including email routing of news articles, information about new publications, and journal tables-of-contents relevant to research interests of Center staff
- Searching of bibliographic, statistical, news, business, legal and other online resources
- Training on the use of databases and online resources
- Article retrieval from UH libraries
- Interlibrary loan of books and journal articles from libraries outside the UH system
- Orientation to our collection and services
- Historical research about the East-West Center

Collection

The collection features current, multidisciplinary coverage of social, political, and economic development issues in the Asia Pacific region. It focuses on the fields of economics, environment, politics and security, and population and health. RIS supplements its specialized core of academic, policy, and statistical reference works and journals with holdings of unpublished papers, not widely available, acquired from researchers, institutions, and governments in Asia and the Pacific region. The collection contains some 50,000 books, unpublished documents, periodicals, and electronic resources on subjects and countries relevant to Center activities. RIS manages an institutional repository collection containing Center publications which are available in digital format.

RIS Online Catalog  EastWestCenter.org/RISCatalog

Searchable online catalog of records for books, periodicals, maps, electronic resources, audiovisual media and documents in RIS.

EWC Collection on ScholarSpace  scholarspace.manoa.hawaii.edu/handle/10125/1699

Center works which are available in digital format are stored in an open-access repository called ScholarSpace. Managed by the UHM library, ScholarSpace provides an additional means of dissemination and a permanent web location for these publications.

UH Libraries’ Online Catalog  uhmanna.lib.hawaii.edu/vwebv/searchBasic?sk=manoa

Searchable online catalog of records for books, periodicals, maps, electronic resources and audiovisual media in UH system libraries.

UHM Libraries’ Website  library.manoa.hawaii.edu

Links to online catalog, electronic databases, electronic journals, and guides to subject research. From Burns Hall, connect directly to electronic journals and databases from the library’s website. From outside Burns Hall, access requires a UH computer account.
Borrowing Materials at RIS

For East-West Center staff and participants:
Books, documents, electronic resources, AV materials: Due on February 1 or August 1
Reference materials: 1 week
Periodicals (On display): Overnight, 4:00 pm - 8:30 am
Periodicals (On shelf, unbound): 1 month
Periodicals (Bound): Noncirculating
Maps: 1 week
Recall policy: Books and documents are subject to recall after 14 days; all other materials are subject to recall at any time

For public users:
Books, documents, electronic resources, AV materials: 30 days
Reference materials: Noncirculating
Periodicals: Noncirculating
Maps: Noncirculating
Recall policy: Materials are subject to recall at any time

Borrowing Materials at UHM Libraries

EWC staff and participants with current EWC identification (ID) cards have faculty-level access to UHM library collections.

The UHM’s Hamilton Library holds graduate-level collections in the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences, as well as special collections focusing on US government documents, maps, Asia, Hawai‘i, and the Pacific Islands. EWC staff and participants must activate ID cards at Hamilton Library or Sinclair Library circulation desks in order to borrow books and to renew them online. Participants should also bring a picture ID in addition to the EWC ID card. The loan period for books is 26 weeks.

East-West Center Oral History Project

In anticipation of the Center’s 50th anniversary in 2010, RIS started the oral history project to capture the Center’s first fifty years as seen through the eyes of staff, alumni, and supporters who have contributed to its growth. Narratives based on interviews can be viewed at EastWestCenter.org/OralHistory

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 US 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’s 21-acre Honolulu campus, adjacent to the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, is located midway between Asia and the US mainland and features research, residential, and international conference facilities. The Center’s Washington, DC, office focuses on preparing the United States for an era of growing Asia Pacific prominence.