Twenty years of network building

The EWCA Mentoring Program is proud to have a network of more than 300 professionals in Hawai‘i with whom we have worked in the past. Over 500 participants have benefited from the program in the last 20 years. Many successful matches have been made and the ties established between mentors and participants remain with them even after participants return to their home country.

Mentoring Program participants...

...become more focused and confident about their academic and professional career.

...have a better understanding of the work ethics, modes of communication, leadership and challenges in their respective professional areas in Hawai‘i community.

Other EWCA services

Alumni Scholarships. Financial support to qualified EWC participants.

Recruiting. Individual alumni as well as chapters support the East-West Center’s efforts to involve well-qualified participants in its program.

Summer Travel Grants. Help student participants attend/present papers at professional conferences and to carry out field research required to complete their degrees.

Networking. Alumni volunteers throughout the region help traveling participants by providing local hospitality.

What is EWCA?

The East-West Center Association (EWCA) is an international network of professionals who have a past affiliation with the East-West Center.

For more information please go to www.EastWestCenter.org/ewcamentoring/

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East-West Center Association Mentoring Program

The **EWCA Mentoring Program** is offered by the East-West Center Association (EWCA) with support from the Friends of the East-West Center. It was started by a group of Alumni in 1997 and officially adopted by the EWCA Alumni Office in 1998. The Program provides an excellent opportunity for EWC participants to link with local alumni and other professionals and work toward strengthening their career interests. The mentoring experience allows the participant to observe and apply leadership, organizational, and communication skills in a multicultural environment. Mentors are Honolulu-based professionals and/or community leaders who volunteer their time and expertise to meet with the mentees. Some of the mentors are EWC alumni. Recent mentors include members of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai‘i, the director of the State Department of Agriculture, the community engagement officer of the non-profit Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, and University of Hawai‘i and East-West Center faculty and staff. Participation by mentors and mentees is voluntary.

**Objectives of the program**

- Provide career guidance to current EWC participants by linking them to mentors in their respective subject areas
- Develop a network of local professionals to assist current EWC participants in determining their career interests
- Provide valuable local field experiences in various professions that contribute to the professional growth of EWC participants
- Provide opportunities to learn about various “work cultures” and “work environments” in specific professions and gain insights about the profession
- Provide opportunities for current participants to get involved with the EWC alumni association and become active alumni when they finish their EWC program

**Eligible EWC participants**

Fall Semester: Applicants are accepted from the Asia Pacific Leadership Program. Mentees meet mentors at least once face-to-face and additional meetings and contacts are encouraged.

Spring Semester: Applicants from student participants. Student participant mentees are expected to have a minimum of 12 contact hours with their mentor during the semester.

**Program overview**

- Call for applications (twice a year, May and October)
- Interview each participant to determine participant’s specific area of interest
- Matching Committee meeting to identify possible mentor for each applicant
- Orientation for mentees held at the beginning of each program
- Evaluation by mentors and mentees

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