



EAST-WEST
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YOUNG ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT LEADERS FROM THE PACIFIC ISLANDS

*Facilitating economic empowerment and building vibrant
professional networks between the U.S. & the Pacific Islands*

Contact us to apply to host a Fellow!

Professional Development Program

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Host a Professional Fellow from the Pacific Islands

Placement Dates: May 1-19, 2023

Selected through a competitive process by the East-West Center, the Department of State, and U.S. Embassies in the Pacific Islands, Professional Fellows are young emerging leaders who are between 25-40 years of age, have at least 2-years of work experience in the tourism industry, and are fluent in English.

The Professional Fellows Program is a Department of State program for emerging leaders from the Pacific Islands with a demonstrated commitment to driving economic empowerment in their communities. It also provides American organizations, businesses, and agencies with the opportunity to develop their international networks, capacity and perspective resulting in dynamic opportunities to expand their global thinking.

A select number of U.S. hosts will have the opportunity for a fully funded trip to the Pacific Islands for a reciprocal exchange.

FAQs

What is expected from a host organization?

To appoint a dedicated "PFP Fellow Coordinator" who is: a) willing to supervise the fellow and liaise with the East-West Center as needed; and b) who is interested in working with the fellow to develop their professional goals both in the United States and in their home country.

What hours do Fellows work?

Fellows will be expected to work Monday through Friday and the hours should generally be consistent with the normal working hours of that office.

How well do Fellows speak English?

It varies but all Fellows are quite functional in English. While some Fellow's English may not be perfect, it will meet strict standards that ensure success in a professional English speaking environment.

What kinds of tasks can a Fellow perform?

Fellows can perform a wide variety of tasks, ranging from project-specific activities to independent research. The East-West Center will work with hosts to design a meaningful and mutually beneficial program based on the Fellow's background and the host's needs.

How will Fellows be monitored?

The East-West Center uses online surveys, email and Facebook Messenger to regularly monitor progress.

What are the obligations of a host? We'd love to have a Fellow, but not sure we can commit to doing a lot of extra work in order to do so.

Hosting should not be seen as an obligation but rather a unique opportunity. Past hosts have enjoyed the international perspective Fellows brought to their workplace and commented that Fellows were able to successfully perform "real" work. The East-West Center will prepare Fellows so that they can "hit the ground running" and will help guide hosts in their preparation for the Fellow's first day.



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*Building capacity and developing networks that facilitate economic activity
and help communities recover from the global COVID-19 pandemic*

Eligible Countries

Australia
Cook Islands
Federated States of Micronesia
Fiji
French Polynesia
Kiribati
Marshall Islands
Nauru
New Caledonia
New Zealand
Niue
Palau
Papua New Guinea
Samoa
Solomon Islands
Tonga
Tuvalu
Vanuatu
Wallis & Futuna



The East-West Center's Professional Development Program, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, and in partnership with the Young Pacific Leaders (YPL), the Pacific Tourism Organisation (SPTO) and Pacific Islands Associations of NGOs (PIANGO), is conducting the a Special Professional Fellows Program Opportunity for Young Economic Empowerment Leaders. Starting in 2023 this program will bring three cohorts of professionals from the Pacific Islands (age 25-40) to the US for intensive five-week programs that build their capacity and facilitate enduring professional bonds between industry leaders in the United States and the Pacific Islands. A particular emphasis will be placed on selecting individuals with social entrepreneurial talents geared towards helping their communities emerge from the global COVID-19 pandemic and building resilience to future economic shocks.

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