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LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Cultivating leaders who are motivated and capable of creating positive impact in the Asia Pacific region

Experiential
Relational
Transformative
Optimistic
Impact-Oriented



1,560+
ALUMNI

FROM
50
COUNTRIES

42
PROGRAM
LOCATIONS

The East-West Center Leadership Program brings together people who want to co-create the future as self-reflective, resilient agents. Using experiential, place-based learning with a focus on equity, cohorts of leaders practice new strategies in nurturing environments. They are able to see themselves differently by prototyping new roles in diverse contexts. These incubating spaces are offered over the lifetime through regional innovation labs, seed grants, support for local and regional impact initiatives, online community building, professional development resources and networking, and “encore” programs for alumni.

Peer-to-peer learning and investment are at the core of our program experience. Expert mentors and practitioners co-curate experiences with cohorts to draw out the expertise within the cohort and realize the full potential of the individuals and the collective.

The Leadership Program is part of the larger Professional Development Program at East-West Center, which hosts capacity-building programs for participants from multiple nations, cultures, and professional sectors.

Our Approach


- ◆ Our programs stimulate individual growth and foster self-leadership for emerging and established leaders
- ◆ We build on communities’ diversity and abundance by offering strategies that can be adapted to leaders’ own contexts
- ◆ We support catalysts as they practice implementing prototypes with teams, reflecting on results, and refining for impact

Upon completion of our programs, fellows are able to answer:

- ◆ What’s going on?
- ◆ What action is needed?
- ◆ Where do I/we fit?

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CURRENT CORE PROGRAMS



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Asia Pacific Leadership Program

Four-month blended program with launch in Asia, two-month place-based learning with online mentorship, and two-month residency in Hawai'i that includes a two-week field study in the US mainland. Cohorts of approximately 24 from 18 countries. Fellows are early- to mid-career professionals with demonstrated commitment to the Asia Pacific. Started in 2002, with over 600 alumni in 45 countries.

Pacific Islands Leadership Program with Taiwan

Ten-week program with four-month residency in Hawai'i and one-month field study in Taiwan. Cohorts of 20 from 15 Pacific nations. Fully funded by the government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) from 2013–2022. Early- to mid-career professionals from all sectors who are citizens of Pacific Island nations.

Institutes for Natural Resource Managers

Five-week program starting in Hawai'i and ending in Washington, DC, with field study in California. Cohorts of 22 ASEAN young professionals and students ages 18–25. Funded by the US State Department Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative. Fellows, selected by US embassies, are emerging natural resource managers or those in other sectors demonstrating environmental leadership.

North Pacific Women's Action Program

Community leadership incubator (6 months) and staff-participant co-created workshops (4 days) for established women leaders. Focused on taking informed, effective action on issues they identify as important to their communities across the Freely Associated States, including Chuuk, Pohnpei, Ebeye, Kosrae, and Yap in the Federated States of Micronesia; the Republic of Marshall Islands; and the Republic of Palau. Funded by the New Zealand Consulate of Hawai'i and US Department of State.

Alumni Impact Incubator

Micro-grants and mentorship for alumni teams to form Innovation Laboratories (EWC Labs), including: 1) seed funding up to \$2,500 USD and support to raise additional funds from stakeholders, 2) support forming a team of EWC alumni and current fellows with a range of skills, and 3) online and in-person mentorship to launch an initiative.

In addition, we offer customized short- and long-term programs across the Indo–Asia Pacific, including in-residence Hawai'i programs.

Competencies

The foundational competency is **continuous learning**.

Leading Self	Agency Curiosity Humility
Leading Others	Communication Conflict Management Mentoring
Leading Organizations	Diagnosis Innovation Systems Thinking
Leading Society	Cross-border Collaboration Critical Thinking Foresighting

Program Elements

- ◇ Place-based Case Studies
- ◇ Mentoring & Peer Coaching / Simulations
- ◇ Expert-led Strategy Workshops
- ◇ Generative Writing
- ◇ Personal Action Planning
- ◇ International Cohort Experience
- ◇ Wellbeing & Self-care Activities
- ◇ Discussion Groups on Self-publications
- ◇ Support for Post-program Impact Initiatives
- ◇ Lifelong Alumni Engagement Opportunities
- ◇ Informal & Formal Conversations with Leaders

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 U.S. 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.