



## **STUDENT PARTICIPANTS CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Education Program Overview**

The East-West Center (EWC) is at the forefront of educating people of the Asia Pacific region to meet the evolving demands of global change. Since its founding in 1960, the Center has promoted the development of a stable, prosperous, and peaceful Asia Pacific community through programs of cooperative study, training, and research.

The thread of cooperative study runs through all Education programs, whether conducted on campus or off, in the classroom or in the field, for student participants or for professionals. This concept views learning as a collaborative process to which each person contributes knowledge, experience, and perspective to benefit all student participants. It recognizes the importance of establishing a basis for the comfortable exchange of ideas by building an environment of openness and trust, of shared community.

The EWC is unique among international institutions in its focus on community building at the campus level as a stepping-stone to community building at the regional level. While at the Center, student participants learn, work and live together, and together extend helping hands to the local community. The East-West Center experience is one of grassroots relationship building, cultural exchange, shared experiences, and communal preparation for future leadership roles throughout the region.

To preserve this vital East-West Center experience, the following Code of Conduct is expected of all student participants.

### **Code of Conduct**

The East-West Center Education Program has a special set of interests and purposes essential to its effective functioning. These include (a) facilitating the opportunity for student participants to attain their educational objectives, (b) establishing and maintaining a respectful intellectual and educational atmosphere throughout the Center and in all of its activities, and (c) protecting the health, safety, welfare, property, and human rights of all participants in the East-West Center community.

Student participants are expected to demonstrate maturity, good judgment, understanding, courtesy and respect for others at all times. Student participants must not prevent others from enjoying a positive working and learning environment.

### **Grounds for Disciplinary Actions**

Disregard of award conditions, Center policies, Participant Code of Conduct or residence hall conduct code may result in disciplinary action. The Center is solely responsible for making the determination under this policy to what is a violation. Grounds for disciplinary action include but are not necessarily limited to such matters as:

- Failure to comply with specific provisions and general policies as embodied in the student participant's award agreement.
- Behavior which is determined by the Center to be detrimental to the physical, emotional, and/or educational welfare of fellow participants, staff and/or lecturers, or which exhibits a pattern of insensitivity to the rights, privacy, and cultural background of other participants and/or staff.
- Providing false or misleading information to Center officials or in Center records.
- Failure to participate or cooperate in any Center investigation involving the student participant.
- Plagiarism and/or cheating.
- Theft of property or willful destruction, damage, defacing of property belonging to the EWC, participants, or staff.
- Sexual harassment which is defined as unwelcome severe and pervasive sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other improper verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature, or harassment based on race, national origin, religion or any other impermissible basis. (See EWC Participant Policy 1026A.)
- Violation of the published resident hall conduct code and EWC building policies, and any subsequent policies put into place by housing or EWC during your award period.
- Trespassing or entering offices or other spaces on EWC campus without permission
- Criminal activity and/or felony and/or misdemeanor convictions for violation of laws of the United States or other countries or other serious violations/infractions while on award.
- Possession of weapons including but not limited to firearms.
- Any other actions which cast the individual or the Center in a bad light, or are inconsistent with the student participant's responsibilities and/or the best interests of the Center.

### **Disciplinary Action**

If a student participant's behavior causes disruption to events at the East-West Center or at Center-sponsored field studies or internships, or infringes on other participants' or staff ability to participate in a positive working and learning environment, it is hoped that the area of concern can be addressed and resolved through dialogue. If the concern is not resolved,

the following disciplinary actions may be imposed depending on the seriousness of the infraction.

1. Verbal warning in a meeting with his/her scholarship program coordinator.
2. Formal written warning from the scholarship program coordinator, with a copy to the Dean of the Education Programs.
3. Formal written notice outlining award restriction(s), probation, suspension or termination, from the Dean of the Education Programs.

There is no progressive discipline or prior warning required. For example, in what the Center deems to be serious infractions, it may choose to terminate immediately.

### **Appeals Process**

A student participant may appeal the disciplinary action to the Director of the Administration within five working days. The Director or designee normally will respond promptly. The Director's decision is final.