

EDUCATION PROGRAM

A global student community committed to positive change

The East-West Center's graduate student programs, carried out in cooperation with the [University of Hawai'i \(UH\)](#), are designed to foster a shared sense of community and develop the leadership skills and regional literacy needed for regional cooperation and community building among people and nations.

Together students participate in intellectual, social, cultural, and professional development activities to enhance their understanding and problem solving across disciplinary and national boundaries. As they do, they learn about the U.S.-Asia-Pacific region and develop skills that will enable them to make a difference in their home communities and beyond.

We do this through our values of expertise, collaboration, understanding, empowerment and community.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT/EXPERTISE

Expertise, academic rigor and international networks are essential to regional cooperation and problem solving. We provide funding support and an affordable residential community for graduate students at the University of Hawai'i to build academic knowledge and develop professional skills and networks.

UNDERSTANDING

Understanding others' diverse perspectives is an essential element of expertise. Our program seeks to bring diverse groups together to explore ideas from different points of view, gain insight across disciplines and cultures, and develop the empathy needed for mutual cooperation.

EMPOWERMENT

We believe that if students have an opportunity to practice solving problems and making positive change, they will gain the confidence to do it elsewhere. Our community provides supportive opportunities to take on leadership roles, implement new ideas, and problem solve in cross-cultural living situations.

COLLABORATION

People will need to work together to solve the complex problems of this globalized era. Our community and activities are designed to foster collaboration in producing and creating, to demonstrate the power of collective action.

COMMUNITY

Communities are built by the people in them. We offer students a sense of joint ownership and responsibility for shared spaces and a legacy of community that has been passed down for generations. We invite students to nurture, serve and improve this inherited community, and leave it better for the generation behind, as we hope they will do for our region and our world.

EDUCATION PROGRAM MISSION:

To prepare the next generation to address the complex challenges facing the Asia Pacific region and the world.

KEY ELEMENTS

- Funding support for students to pursue graduate study in various fields
- Diverse and dynamic residential community
- Stimulating environment for academic collaborations and connections
- Student-initiated and student-led activities
- Personal and professional connections

