

ASIANetwork Opportunities

Asia Pacific Leadership Program New East-West Center Program Targets Graduates of ASIANetwork Colleges

The East-West Center in Honolulu has announced The Asia Pacific Leadership Program, a new one-year certificate program, funded by the Freeman Foundation. The Program will offer a two-semester, multi-disciplinary program designed to develop a network of future leaders who are knowledgeable about critical issues in the region and committed to working collaboratively for their resolution.

The program will begin in January 2002 with a one-semester pilot program for 25 participants, chosen from a pool nominated by faculty from colleges and universities in the U.S., Asia and the Pacific. The first full-year program, for 50 participants, will begin in August 2002. By 2004 and beyond, the Center anticipates that up to 100 participants will take part in the Asia Pacific Leadership Program each year, one-third from the U.S. and two-thirds from other countries in the region.

The Program will consist of the following elements:

- A two-semester core seminar focused on the history, culture and issues of Asia and the Pacific, including regional politics and security, economic development and integration, social change, and the environment;
- A leadership component that will integrate cross-cultural aspects of leadership, group work and leadership skills development with the content focus of the core seminar;
- One to two graduate level courses at the University of Hawaii selected by participants from a list of suggested courses; and
- Field study to countries of the region following the completion of the Spring semester.

The program seeks to attract the participation of outstanding young professionals, recent graduates of colleges and universities, and students already enrolled in graduate programs at universities throughout the region. It is expected that graduates of the Asia Pacific Leadership Program will seek or return to positions in business, government, non-governmental organizations and universities, or pursue further study related to the region. University of Hawaii course credits normally will be earned for the Core Seminar and elective courses, which could subsequently be applied to a graduate degree at the University of Hawaii.

Graduates of ASIANetwork colleges who have taken advantage of the Asian studies offerings of their colleges, and who are interested in a program that offers further study of the region with significant experiential leadership and cross-cultural components are strongly encouraged to apply.

The program provides housing in a Center residence hall, a monthly stipend, tuition and fees at U.H., health insurance, field study, and an allowance for books and materials. Participants will be responsible for their transportation to Hawaii and a fee of \$5,000. For participants accepted into the January 2002 pilot program, there is no fee.

Additional information on the Asia Pacific Leadership Program and the East-West Center can be obtained at the Center's web site, www.EastWestCenter.org/edu-sp.asp.