

Instructions for completing the enclosed Letter of Reference Form

To the applicant

- Please complete the top portion of the Letter of Reference form to include the name and contact information of the individual who will be writing this recommendation as well as your name so that we know who this form belongs to.
- Indicate whether you waive or do not waive your right to see this recommendation. If you do not waive your right to see this letter, this letter may be disclosed to you only **after the competition has completed**. If you do not indicate any choice to waive or not waive your right, you will not be allowed to see your letter.
- Please be sure to sign the form where noted before giving it to the referee.
- Give this instruction sheet and reference letter form to your referee. If you choose to email this form to your referee, please send a scanned copy that contains all of the required information at the top half of the form including your handwritten signature.
- Non English reference letters must not be translated by the applicant. Please instruct your referee to have the person translating their comments include their name, occupational title, and contact information. The original non English document should be included with the translation.

To the Recommender

- You have been asked to provide a letter of reference that will assist the East-West Center scholarship selection committee in validating this applicant's qualifications for the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship Program. Please complete both pages of the form (or respond to the questions on separate stationery, provide a handwritten signature, and affix your business card where indicated. Additional comments may be provided on separate stationery. Return your reference form **directly** to the East-West Center at the following address:

Award Services/Graduate Degree Fellowship
East-West Center
1601 East-West Road, Room 2066
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96848-1601
USA

- If the applicant prefers to collect your letter so that it can be included with their application, please provide it in a sealed envelope with your signature across the flap.
- We would like to receive your reference letter by November 16 so that it will be available during the Center's preliminary selection process, but we will not penalize an applicant if your letter does not arrive on time. To ensure that we receive your letter, you may email preferably a scanned pdf copy of your letter to scholarships@eastwestcenter.org while the original copy is en route to the East-West Center.

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Letters must be received by November 16

The applicant noted in the box below is applying for an East-West Center fellowship and has asked that you provide a letter of reference. We appreciate your time and effort in supplying this additional background information. This letter of reference will be considered as part of the application for an East-West Center fellowship only. The East-West Center strengthens understanding and relations between the peoples of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, training, and research. The East-West Center is not a degree granting institution, but works in partnership with the University of Hawai'i. The East-West Center Fellowship provides substantial funding for Master's and Doctoral graduate students to participate in educational and research programs at the East-West Center while pursuing graduate study at the University of Hawai'i. Please return this letter of reference directly to the **Award Services Office, Attention: EWC Graduate Degree Fellowship, East-West Center, 1601 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawai'i, 96848-1601, USA.** Reference letters can be emailed to scholarships@eastwestcenter.org ahead of the original to meet the deadline. Thank you for your assistance.

Name and Title of Person Writing Recommendation (please type or print) _____

Address _____

Name of Applicant (please type or print) _____

Applicant's special area of academic and research interest _____

TO THE APPLICANT: Confidentiality of Participant Records
Under East-West Center policy, this letter may be viewed by you unless you waive your right to see it or the person writing this letter wishes it to be held in confidence (#9). In the event you do not waive your right to see this letter but the referee indicates in item #9 that he/she wishes the letter to be held in confidence, the referee's preference will take precedence.

I waive my right to see this letter of reference

I do not waive my right to see this letter of reference

Signature of Applicant

Date

LETTER OF REFERENCE

Please respond to the questions below. Additional comments may be provided on separate letterhead.

1. How long have you known the applicant? _____

2. How well and in what capacity do you know the applicant? _____

3. Please rate the applicant in terms of each of the following:

	Exceptional	Well Above Average	Above Average	Average	Below Average	Unable to Judge
Leadership						
Initiative						
Creativity						
English language ease (if not native speaker of English)						
Adaptability						
Career potential						
Intelligence						
Readiness for advanced work						
Self-expression						
Ability to pursue independent study						
Ability to cope with personal crises						
Capacity for change						
Motivation to pursue international education						
Cross-cultural knowledge & experience						
Cross-cultural sensitivity						

4. Of similar applicants for advanced work you have known, how does this applicant rank on a 1-10 scale (10 highest, 1 lowest, 5 average) ?
5. What are the applicant's special academic/professional strengths and weaknesses?
6. What has been individual's greatest achievement (academic, personal, community)?
7. Please provide any additional comments that you deem relevant regarding the applicant.
8. Do you recommend the applicant for an East-West Center fellowship to pursue advanced study and participate in cross-cultural community building?

- Recommend highly

Recommend

Recommend with reservations
- Do not recommend

Insufficient basis for making recommendation

9. Please check one:

- I have no objection to disclosing this letter of reference to the applicant if he/she requests
(Request to see this letter will be accommodated only after the close of the competition.)
- I do not want this letter of reference to be disclosed to the applicant.

Reference Writer:

Please affix your business card here:

Signature

Date

Print name

Email address