



EAST-WEST
CENTER

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ESSAYS TO ACCOMPANY
THE EAST-WEST CENTER DEGREE FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

Below are the application essay questions for the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship (GDF). The application form and full instructions for applications can be downloaded from [the GDF website](#).

Application Essays

Provide your responses on separate sheets of paper. Note the essay or question number, and include your name at the top of each essay. We suggest 12-point font, double-spaced with Times New Roman font.

1. What are your long-range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree? What impact will they have on the Asia and Pacific region? How do you hope to engage at the East-West Center to develop the skills and attributes required to meet these goals? What do you hope to learn/gain while living in residence and participating in EWC activities and events? (Maximum length: 500 words)
2. Write a brief biographical essay in which you discuss your background and reasons for pursuing graduate study. Describe relevant experience and interest in the Asia Pacific region. (Maximum length: 500 words)
3. How have you been involved in civic engagement and community service activities over the past five years? (Maximum length: 250 words)
4. Your participation in EWC seminars, leadership projects, activities, and residential community will be alongside students from the U.S., Asia and the Pacific region, and other countries around the world. Please comment on your preparedness for this inter-cultural learning environment. (Maximum length: 250 words)

Additional Essays for ADB-JSP and Obuchi Scholarships

Asian Development Bank-Japan Scholarship Program (ADB-JSP)

Complete the following essay only if you have indicated you want to be considered for the ADB-JSP scholarship.

Write an essay in which you discuss your long range goals and objectives in pursuing your degree stating their relevance to the ADB vision and mission under Strategy 2020, as described on the ADB website (excerpted below), and in its publication, Strategy 2020: Working for an Asia and Pacific Free of Poverty. The publication is available for review or download at <http://www.adb.org/documents/strategy-2020-working-asia-and-pacific-free-poverty>.

Description (from website)

ADB's Strategy 2020, approved in April 2008, reaffirms both ADB's vision of an Asia and Pacific free of poverty and mission to help its developing member countries improve their living conditions and quality of life.

To achieve this, ADB will support three complementary development agendas: inclusive economic growth, environmentally sustainable growth, and regional integration.

ADB's Transformation to Strategy 2020

Significant efforts are being made to put ADB on track to achieve the goals of Strategy 2020.

ADB is making efforts to align its:

- Operational planning
- Human resources
- Institutional structure
- Policies and strategies
- Business processes

ADB has developed a results framework to assess its progress in implementing Strategy 2020.

It will annually monitor implementation through a development effectiveness review.

(Maximum length: 500 words)

Obuchi Student Scholarship

Complete the following essay only if you have indicated you want to be considered for the Obuchi Student Scholarship.