



East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship

LETTER OF REFERENCE – **ACADEMIC/PROFESSIONAL**

We understand you have agreed to provide a reference letter for an individual who is applying for an [East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship](#). Thank you for your time and effort in supplying this additional information. This reference letter will be considered as part of the application for the East-West Center Graduate Degree Fellowship only.

The East-West Center strengthens understanding and relations between the people 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 Graduate Degree 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.

Upon completion, please upload the signed reference letter using the link provided in the email you received from the East-West Center on behalf of the applicant. **Please note: You will only be able allowed to upload one document.** If you wish to include a separate letter, you may paste it to this document or merge it into one PDF file.

Notes:

- Letters of reference are strictly confidential, and the East-West Center will not release the contents of your letter to the applicant under any circumstances.
- The East-West Center might contact you to verify the authenticity of this letter. Therefore, please provide your email address and telephone number.

Name and Title of Person Writing Recommendation: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

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
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Leadership

Initiative

Creativity

English language ease (if not native speaker of English)

Adaptability

Career potential

Intelligence

Readiness for advanced work

Self-expression

Ability to cope with personal crises

Ability to pursue independent study

Capacity for change

Motivation to pursue international education

Cross-cultural knowledge & experience

Cross-cultural sensitivity

4. Of similar applicants for advanced academic 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 the 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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Include additional comments here or save this letter as a PDF file to merge with an additional document.