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**Pacific Islands Tourism Professional Fellows Program-Spring 2019**  
**Honolulu, Hawai'i**  
**April 22 - May 31, 2019**

The East-West Center's Pacific Islands Development Program (PIDP), in cooperation with the Professional Fellows Division in the Office of Citizen Exchanges at the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs conduct the Pacific Islands Tourism Professional Fellows Program. This program will bring two cohorts of tourism industry professionals from the Pacific Islands to Honolulu, Hawai'i for intensive six-week programs that build significant new capacity and facilitate enduring professional bonds between industry leaders in the United States and the Pacific Islands.

The Pacific Islands Tourism Professional Fellows Program will draw broadly and deeply upon Hawaii's unique position as an American state with one of the world's premier tourism industries. It is designed to build capacity across the Pacific region by creating strong and enduring connections between 32 mid-level Professional Fellows from 13 Pacific island countries and no fewer than 13 Hawaii-based Americans in private and public tourism-related organizations.

**Eligibility**

Applicants must:

- Be citizens/nationals/permanent residents of one of the eligible countries
- Be between the ages of 25-40
- Be currently employed in their home country and have a demonstrated history of at least 2 years of employment in the tourism industry
- Be willing and able to obtain a J-1 visa and spend 6-weeks in the United States
- Be committed to returning to their home country after the program
- Have a track record of making an impact in their organization, company, or community
- Be capable of creating an action-orientated plan to address a specific business problem or policy challenge being faced by the tourism industry in their country
- Have sufficient spoken and written English language proficiency to effectively function in an American workplace.

Eligible Countries:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Federated States of Micronesia</li><li>• Fiji</li><li>• Kiribati</li><li>• Marshall Islands</li><li>• Nauru</li><li>• Palau</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Papua New Guinea</li><li>• Samoa</li><li>• Solomon Islands</li><li>• Timor Leste</li><li>• Tonga</li><li>• Tuvalu</li><li>• Vanuatu</li></ul> |
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**DEADLINE: Your application must be received by midnight December 14, 2018 (Hawaii Time).**

## APPLICATION FORM

**Fill out all of the following information and return the form and accompanying documents to:  
pfp@eastwestcenter.org**

### PERSONAL DETAILS

Full Name (As it appears on your passport): _____			
	First name(s)	Middle name(s)	Surname
Date of Birth: _____	Gender: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to answer		
Month/Day/Year			
Birthplace: _____		Country of Citizenship: _____	

### CONTACT DETAILS (To be eligible you must be currently residing in one of the eligible countries)

Provide at least one phone number: _____			
(+Country code-phone number)	Mobile Phone	Home Phone	Office Phone
Provide at least one email address: _____			
Primary email		Secondary email	
Current Mailing Address: _____			
Street #, apartment. #, PO Box _____			
City/Village, State/Province _____			
Country, Postal Code _____			

### EDUCATION/EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (Either complete the following or attach your CV/resume)

#### Professional Work Experience

	Start Date	End Date	Position/Title	Employer	City/Country
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

#### Education

	Institution	City/Country	Major/Concentration	Degree/Diploma	Dates Enrolled
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					

## OTHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

**Cover Letter:** Please include a cover letter stating why you are applying to the Professional Fellows Program and how participation in the program will fit within your career development goals.

**Short Essay:** Write a short essay (500 words or less) concisely and clearly identifying a business problem and/or policy challenge being faced by the tourism industry in your home country and how you personally plan on working to address the issue.

**Proposed Follow-On Project:** In 100 words or less please describe a practical project you would like to work on when you return home if selected for the program.

**NOTE:** Your answers will help determine an appropriate placement during your fellowship.

**Letters of Reference:** Two letters of reference are required to complete your application. Letters of reference cannot be submitted by the applicant. We will contact your referees.

**Full Name, Title, Organization**

**Email**

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## OTHER INFORMATION

Please list any other fellowships, scholarships or exchange programs you are applying for.  
If none please enter N/A.

Have you previously participated in an EWC or U.S. State Department program?  Yes  No

How did you learn about the Young Pacific Leaders Program? (Check all that apply.)

- EWC web site
- EWC social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Department of State/U.S. Embassy or Consulate website
- Department of State/US Embassy or Consulate social media (Facebook, Twitter)
- Email Announcement
- U.S. Embassy/Consulate Staff
- EWC Staff
- EWC alumni
- Internet search
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the information I have given on this application and supporting documents is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that if I am selected to be on the short-list of candidates I will be asked for more detailed personal information to complete my application and could be asked to participate in a phone or Skype interview.

I have read, understood, and accepted the Applicant's Certification. Typing my name is an electronic signature representing agreement to the terms and conditions and shall be deemed as original.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT

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