Research Assistantships (RAs)

RA positions within the School and across the University are announced when they become available. These RAs are funded for 10 to 20 hours/week. Benefits include tuition waiver and health insurance.

Scholarships

The University of Hawai`i School of Social Work offers five endowed scholarships:

- The Daniel Selvarajah Sanders Doctoral Award provides scholarship money each year to a deserving classified Ph.D. student whose academic focus is on international social work, world peace, human rights, social justice, or the study of social welfare and social work from a global perspective.
- The Richard S. and T. Rose Takasaki Endowed Scholarship provides scholarship money each year to a deserving classified Ph.D. student whose academic focus is on social policy and who intends to work in Hawai`i for at least two years after graduation.
- The Sentaro and Laurel T. T. Kaneda Endowed Scholarship provides scholarship money each year to a deserving classified Ph.D. student committed to practicing in Hawai`i for at least two years after degree attainment.
- The Sally Kanehe Lampson Endowed Scholarship provides merit-based scholarships to a deserving graduate student who demonstrates leadership capability and plans to be involved in regional research in Hawai`i and the Pacific Basin.
- Hoa Hana Scholarship provides financial assistance to a deserving classified Ph.D. student who commutes from a neighbor island to complete his/her education at UH Manoa School of Social Work, and who intends to practice in the field of social work on a neighbor island after graduation.

All awards are for one year. However, recipients can reapply annually. For more information, contact Dr. Paula Morelli, School of Social Work, (808) 956-6124 or morelli@hawaii.edu

Fellowships

The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) offers doctoral fellowships for ethnic minorities. One is a clinical/substance abuse fellowship and the second is a research fellowship. These fellowships are funded for three years and must be renewed yearly, pending successful completion of the academic year. The fellowships include monthly stipends, tuition waivers, and support to attend national conferences. In addition, financial support for summer classes and dissertation work is available to a few students. The awardee must be enrolled in a 20 hour/week research practicum and may not engage in full-time employment. For more information, contact Dr. E. Aracelis Francis at (703) 683-8080 or eafrancis@cswe.org.

Lectureships

Each semester, depending on availability of funds, the School provides paid lectureships for doctoral students interested in acquiring teaching experience.

Tuition Waivers

Each year the School offers a limited number of tuition waivers to qualified doctoral students. Newly admitted and current doctoral students can apply.

East-West Center

The East-West Center (EWC) awards grants and fellowships directed toward fostering intercultural understanding and research on issues with international implications. For more information, write to Scholarship Office, East-West Center, 1601 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI 96848-1601 or e-mail EWCUHM@ewc.hawaii.edu

National Institute of Health

Each year, the National Institute of Health (NIH) offers pre-doctoral fellowships on various topics. For more information, call (301) 435-2687.

*Changes year to year. This summary is intended to give Ph.D. applicants a general idea about financial opportunities.