



March 15, 2021

Subject: Summer 2021 General Education Institute Invitation Letter for Students

Dear Students,

We invite you to submit your name for consideration for the [Summer 2021 General Education Institute](#) and participation in the UH General Education Curriculum Design Team. From July 6 - 30, the Design Team will meet daily (Mondays to Fridays) with assigned reading and writing tasks in addition to virtual meetings. The aim of the Summer Institute will be to design a new General Education (Gen Ed) curriculum for the UH System that embraces competency-based education rather than a distribution requirements ("checklist") approach and that incorporates a range of learning outcomes not addressed in the current GE curriculum (foundations, diversification, and special graduation requirements).

Faculty and student team members will, with content and materials provided by UH Manoa's General Education Office, pool their collective expertise on written and oral communication, quantitative reasoning, information literacy, critical thinking, interdisciplinarity and breadth, faculty governance, transfer and articulation issues, Native Hawaiian perspectives, learning outcomes assessment, and student engagement. The three selected student members of the Design Team will play an important role by providing undergraduate students' perspectives on different ideas for a new Gen Ed curriculum. They will be expected to actively engage in the discussions as full participants. The proposal for a new Gen Ed curriculum will be the subject of consultations and town halls during the next academic year (fall 2021 to spring 2022), which will likely mean reconvening the Design Team to incorporate feedback and make revisions in spring 2022.

The UH Student Caucus, a system-wide student governance body, will recommend five to eight students from the applicant pool; the final three students will be chosen by the Associate Vice President for Academic Strategy and the Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. Each of the three student participants will be offered a payment of \$2,500 divided into two checks to be paid in August and September.

Visit the [General Education Redesign website](#) for more information. Apply for the Summer 2021 General Education Institute by completing [the form at this link](#).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debora Halbert".

Debora Halbert  
Associate Vice President for  
Academic Strategy

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Hae Okimoto  
Associate Vice President for  
Student Affairs