

**STATE OF HAWAII  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII  
SYSTEMWIDE ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT FOR  
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

The Office of International Education is responsible for providing leadership for, facilitating, and coordinating international education systemwide in order to accomplish Goal 3 of the newly adopted University of Hawaii's strategic plan. The goal aims to "transform the international profile of the University of Hawaii's system as a distinguished resource in Hawaiian, Asian-Pacific affairs, positioning it as one of the world's foremost multicultural centers for global and indigenous studies."

Integral to meeting this goal are:

Establishing and implementing systemwide policies and procedures to ensure effective coordination of international student recruitment, marketing, admissions, immigration, study abroad, exchanges, academic and co-curricular support, visiting international delegations and scholar services.

Integrating teaching, learning, curricular development, research and service to enable the University to become a model multicultural center and international education resource.

Maintaining and developing contact with key international agencies, alumni, funding agencies and partner institutions in order to extend the University of Hawaii's profile globally.

The following three major areas of international education initially to be included in this office include:

**International Education Programs and Exchange**

Provides students on a systemwide basis with a wide range of education abroad opportunities to engage in study, research, service or internships by identifying appropriate international partners.

Facilitates global networking and intercultural exchanges involving students, faculty, visiting scholars, administrative staff through institutional linkages, partnerships and consortia arrangements.

Enables faculty and students to engage in multi-disciplinary international projects and programs.

Provides faculty with opportunities to be international and comparative in their teaching and research.

Maintain relations with funding agencies and foundations that enable UH faculty expertise to be utilized in technical assistance or international training projects.

**Visiting Scholars and International Faculty Services**

Liaises with hosting academic unit to coordinate appointments of all UH-sponsored visiting scholars and international faculty.

Provides monthly orientation to incoming scholars as well as on-going scholar services including immigration and personal counseling.

Provides on-going staff training to UH units in order to meet all federal requirements for bringing visiting scholars and international faculty to UH campuses.

Coordinates scholar immigration matters and serves as the University's primary point of contact for the U.S. Department of State and Immigration and Naturalization Services in implementation of federally-mandated electronic tracking systems.

### **International Partnerships and Entrepreneurship**

Facilitates business development opportunities for research and training partnerships, including international capacity building contracts, enhancing the University's external revenues.

Facilitates private-public partnerships with businesses and local, state, federal agencies and international governments in order to advance the University's role in international training and economic development.

Identifies and develops, in cooperation with the University of Hawai'i Foundation, international donor prospects.

Works with the Office of the Vice President for External Affairs and University Relations, to facilitate communications and marketing for international education and special projects in support of individual campus missions.

Coordinates special projects in conjunction with individual campus initiatives, focusing on the University's international business and resource development efforts.

### **Transition Team**

In order to begin implementation of Goal 3 and the associated action strategies outlined in the strategic plan, a transition team has been formed through reassignment of personnel from various UH units. They shall work with internal and external committees and constituencies in order to identify benchmarks and measurable targets for achieving the outlined international goals for the university. This may include reviewing existing international education-related policies and procedures, recommending changes, initiating new partnerships and programs, and extending UH's global outreach. A critical component of the transition team will be pursuing opportunities to create revenues which can be used to fund various student, faculty and programmatic activities.