



HAWAIIAN SCHOLARS DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Program Description and Requirements

Academic Year 2017–2018

The **Hawaiian Scholars Doctoral Fellowship Program** is designed for Native Hawaiian scholars early in their academic careers and others, who are committed to the advancement of knowledge about the Hawaiian natural and cultural environment, Hawaiian history, politics, and society. Through the Hawaiian Scholars Doctoral Fellowship Program, doctoral fellows are given the opportunity to complete their dissertations before accepting their first academic posts.

Application Deadline and Notification Date

All completed applications must be sent by email in PDF format to Cortney Okumura at cokumura@kohalacenter.org by 5 p.m. Hawai'i time, Monday, June 26, 2017. In the subject line of the email, please include: "Fellowship Program Application: [Your name]".

The two letters of reference should be emailed directly to Cortney Okumura at cokumura@kohalacenter.org from the person providing the reference, or they may be sent in a sealed/signed envelope to:

Cortney Okumura
The Kohala Center
P.O. Box 437462
Kamuela, Hawai'i 96743

Notification of awards will be made by **Monday, July 17, 2017**.

Levels of Support

Doctoral Fellows receive \$45,000 in support during the fellowship period (September through June).

Selection Criteria

While Native Hawaiian scholars in programs granting the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) may apply, successful candidates will be those:

- who demonstrate scholarly and leadership promise;
- whose research involves the Hawaiian natural or cultural environment, Hawaiian history, politics, and society;
- who have had a history of service to the Hawaiian community and to society as a whole; and
- who reside in, or whose research requires extended periods of time in Hawai'i.

Native Hawaiian scholars in any residential or external degree program of a fully accredited U.S.-based institution, or institutions abroad, such as the native university system in Aotearoa (New Zealand), are eligible.

Selection Committee

The Kohala Center will be assisted in selecting successful candidates for the Hawaiian Scholars Doctoral Fellowship Program by a distinguished panel of senior scholars and kūpuna:

- Panel Chair, Mr. Robert Lindsey, Jr., Member, Board of Directors, The Kohala Center; and Trustee, Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- Panel Executive Advisor, Dr. Shawn Kana'iaupuni, Director, Public Education Support Division, the Kamehameha Schools
- Dr. Dennis Gonsalves, Executive Director, Pacific Basin Agricultural Research Center; and Professor Emeritus, Cornell University
- Dr. Pualani Kanahale, Distinguished Professor, Hawai'i Community College; kumu hula, Halau O Kekuhi; and Member, Board of Directors, the Edith Kanaka'ole Foundation
- Dr. James Kauahikaua, Scientist-in-Charge, U.S. Geological Survey Hawaiian Volcano Observatory

Program Requirements

Successful candidates are required to commit themselves to their writing projects on a full-time basis during the fellowship period. Candidates are required to attend a minimum of two retreats, scheduled to be held on the Island of Hawai'i. Travel expenses will be provided for fellows.

Candidates are also expected to select a mentor for the year of the program. Mentors are expected to be experts in the fellows' fields of research and should be willing to work with the fellows to:

- complete their writing project,
- help fellows gain access to scholarly and professional networks, especially to publishing circles,
- and, finally, to help fellows establish a firm footing in their new academic careers.

Mentors are further expected to have attained senior status in their fields of expertise. Mentors are usually tenured and experienced in leadership positions in scholarly or professional societies. Mentors will receive a \$1,000 honorarium and will be expected to attend scholarly presentations in November 2017. Mentors are expected to be at scholarly presentations of the fellows on Hawai'i Island in the fall of 2017. Travel expenses will be provided for mentors.

Fellows are required to attend a professional conference of their choosing together. Each fellow will receive \$1,500 in support toward conference expenses. This support is in addition to fellows' stipends.

Fellows are expected to engage full-time on their writing projects, thus they cannot be employed or accept employment during the fellowship period.

Preparing for the Fellowship Program

Doctoral candidates will be expected to have collected data and to have completed initial analyses or interpretations by the time the fellowship program begins.

Candidates should understand that the November scholarly presentation is scheduled earlier in the fellowship year, so that fellows can receive early feedback for their work. For doctoral fellows, the presentation should prepare them for "job talks" that occur in the fall, winter, and early spring of the academic year.

The application process itself allows candidates to think through their readiness to commit a full academic year to their writing project and to establish successful working relationships with their mentors.