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**East-West Center and Doris Duke Foundation
Launch New 'Equitable Futures Fellowship'**



Applications are open through April 15 for the program's inaugural cohort, which will include in-person sessions in Hawai'i and New Zealand along with regular virtual meetings

HONOLULU (Mar. 18, 2024) – The [East-West Center](#) and [Doris Duke Foundation](#) have jointly launched the [Equitable Futures Fellowship](#), a new program focused on building a network of emerging global leaders dedicated to creating futures rooted in equity. Designed to expand the view of who can create policies and positive change, the program aims to enhance the knowledge, leadership capacities, and networks of leaders and creative thinkers across government, communities, advocacy groups, media and technology, artists, and entrepreneurs.

[Applications for the Equitable Futures Fellowship](#) are open now through April 15. The program will run from October 2024 through May 2025 and include regular virtual sessions as well as two weeks of in-person activities in Hawai'i and one week in New Zealand. Fellows will hear from top experts and draw on their diverse backgrounds to examine challenges together and explore techniques to resolve inequity in its many forms, including gaps in income, health care, and education; impacts of the climate crisis; and challenges to societal pluralism.

“The East-West Center and Doris Duke Foundation have teamed up to launch the Equitable Futures Fellowship in recognition of the need for a new leadership template for our times, one that is inclusive of voices from a wider region and world,” said East-West Center President Suzanne Vares-Lum. “The Equitable Futures Fellowship addresses the critical need to bring together changemakers from various places and backgrounds to form human relationships and new pathways of thinking that will lead to policies and practices that create more equity and opportunity.”

“Every region is weathering challenges of unprecedented complexity. What we need are new leaders with fresh ideas and a more inclusive vision of the future,” said Doris Duke Foundation President and CEO Sam Gill. “We know they are out there. This program aims to find them and equip with the skills that will help them to lead our region and the world.”

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About the East-West Center

The [East-West Center](#) promotes better relations and understanding among the people and nations of the United States, Asia, and the Pacific through cooperative study, research, and dialogue. Established by the US Congress in 1960, the Center serves as a resource for information and analysis on critical issues of common concern, bringing people together to

exchange views, build expertise, and develop policy options.

About Doris Duke Foundation

The mission of [Doris Duke Foundation](#) is to build a more creative, equitable and sustainable future by investing in artists and the performing arts, environmental conservation, medical research, child well-being and greater mutual understanding among diverse communities.



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