



The **Young Professionals Program** is a leadership development experience for emerging leaders in US-Indo-Pacific affairs, held at the East-West Center in Washington's DC office. **Young Professionals Program** participants will have opportunities to write articles for the *Asia Matters for America* website, conduct research, and take part in unique professional development opportunities. Participants will join a unique and diverse network of participants past and present, with an interest in US-Indo-Pacific relations.

The **Young Professionals Program** is a first-hand training experience for undergraduate, graduate, and recent graduate students at a US-Indo-Pacific research and education organization in Washington, DC



198

Participants Since 2010



22

Nationalities Represented since 2010



106

Graduate Participants



81

Undergraduate Participants



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“My experience at the EWCW perfectly blended structure and freedom – I’ve worked on a variety of in-house projects, grown my qualitative research skills, and had the opportunity to explore topics I’m personally passionate about.”

– Elyse Mark, International Studies M.A. student at National Chengchi University in Taiwan, Fall 2018 YPP Participant

“Interning at the East-West Center in Washington is the definition of professional development and independent exploration of US-Asia initiatives.”

– Ruivaldo Freitas Viana, Economics undergraduate student at Luther College from East Timor, Spring 2022 YPP Participant

“My experience with EWCW goes beyond skill development in research, writing, and analysis. This is an organization that values the role culture and people-to-people connections play in engaging the Indo-Pacific and developing meaningful initiatives with policymakers.”

– Mimi MacKilligan, International Affairs M.A. student at the George Washington University, Spring 2022 YPP Participant

Young Professionals Program participants are involved in many aspects of the Center’s work, including:

- ❖ Researching and writing on contemporary US—Indo-Pacific relations issues for the *Asia Matters for America* website and publications
- ❖ Writing events briefs for the Center and on external events
- ❖ Tracking foreign policy in the media, the Indo-Pacific, and Washington, DC
- ❖ Assisting staff and visiting fellows, many of whom are well-known experts in their fields
- ❖ Creating content for the Center’s website, blog, social media, and other communications-related outreach