2023 Guideline of the EPIC Internship Program

1. Overview
Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) offers an Internship Program to qualified students in order to promote the Ehime-Hawaii relations at EPIC during the summer.

2. Timing
Interns will be accepted for a minimum of 70 to a maximum of 80 days between mid-May and late July or early August.

3. Number of interns to be accepted
Two people

4. Eligibility requirements
To be considered for an internship sponsored by EPIC:

(1) You need to be a U.S. citizen and a currently-enrolled undergraduate or graduate student in a field related to EPIC’s interests at the time of application. It’s desirable for the applicants to be a continuing UHM student during the proposed internship period.

(2) You should possess moderate Japanese language skills, have experience working or living in an international context, and have some knowledge of Hawaiian culture. You should also possess good interpersonal skills and be able to multi-task.

(3) Your application for an internship should be supported by your university. A minimum requirement is a letter from one of your professors supporting your application.

(4) The final candidates will be selected by the authority of Japan-America Society in Hawaii and University of Hawaii. Placement is subject to availability of meaningful assignments.

5. Work contents

(1) Consultation activities
Assist the senior counselor of EPIC and other staff as needed in answering general inquiries both from the people of Ehime and foreigners.

(2) Seminar for cross-cultural understanding
Take responsibility for planning and executing the programs for helping people of Ehime understand foreign cultures including Hawaiian and American cultures through the opportunities stated below;

① Seminar at EPIC
② Events in collaboration with local municipalities
   Participation in “Hawaii Day in Uwajima” is mandatory.
③ School visits

6. Work hours
Mondays to Fridays from 08:30 to 17:15.

7. Financial support
The following will be provided by Ehime Prefectural International Center.
  (1) Travel costs;
      EPIC will provide you with travel costs for purchasing the round trip tickets
      between Honolulu and Matsuyama. EPIC won't pay any costs for extra
      accommodations and stopovers.

  (2) Living expenses and accommodations;
      As the living expenses, ¥3,600 per a day should be provided by EPIC. The
      arrangement of the accommodation including the payment of the house rent
      and utility costs including water and electricity should be done by EPIC, which
      is equivalent to ¥98,000 as the maximum amount.

  (3) Medical Health and Life Coverage;
      It is essential for the intern to be covered by health and life insurance during
      the internship period. EPIC will buy the medical and health insurance to cover
      the intern for the entire period of internship. However, this insurance will not
      cover the personal trip during the duty.

  (4) Fees for obtaining passport and visa;
      The intern is responsible for obtaining necessary passport and visas required.
      EPIC will issue only a letter stating acceptance of an individual as an intern and
      the conditions governing the internship.
      • Normally, visas are not required as long as the stay duration is less than 90
        days.