Summer Internship Program 2023
Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC), JAPAN

The program was established to bring together Ehime and Hawai‘i after the Ehime-maru tragedy (9 Feb. 2021). The main objective is to foster friendship and understanding between the two communities.

Timeframe: mid-May to late July or early August 2023 (from 70 to 80 days). Contact Dr. Gay Satsuma (gay@hawaii.edu) for information on the previous internship schedule and activities as a general reference.

Summary of Work Responsibilities:
1) Assist EPIC staff in answering inquiries from the people of Ehime and foreigners.
2) Plan and execute cross-cultural seminars on Hawaiian and American cultures (including visits to elementary, middle, high schools, universities in Ehime, and “Hawaii Day in Uwajima”).
3) Work hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm.

Qualifications/Requirements:
1) U.S. citizen, current UHM student majoring in a field related to EPIC’s interests.
2) Moderate Japanese language skills, experience working or living in an international context, some knowledge of Hawaiian culture, strong interpersonal skills, and ability to multi-task.
3) In-person interview.

Internship includes: Roundtrip ticket (Honolulu-Ehime), living stipend, housing. The selected candidate must have a valid passport and pay for his/her own passport/visa fees.

Deadline for application and other documents: March 6, 2023 (Monday)
Finalists will be interviewed in-person on March 8, 2023 (Wednesday) starting at 3:00 pm.
Students will be contacted to schedule the interview.

For application, guidelines, and previous internship schedule, please see the Center for Japanese Studies’ website: https://manoa.hawaii.edu/japanese-studies/resources/jobs-internships/

For related information on the Ehime – Hawai‘i relationship, please see these websites:
Japan America Society of Hawai‘i, Ehime-maru Memorial Association
https://www.jashawaii.org/ehime-maru-memorial-association
Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) http://www.epic.or.jp/hawaii/index.html

Please contact Dr. Gay Satsuma at the Center for Japanese Studies if you have any questions regarding the program and/or application process, gay@hawaii.edu, 956-2664.