

# 2026 Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) Summer Internship Program

## Program Overview

The summer internship program at the Ehime Prefectural International Center (EPIC) is one of a number of cultural exchange programs to foster friendship and understanding between Ehime and Hawai'i communities after the Ehime Maru accident on February 9, 2001. EPIC provides services for Ehime and international residents in the Ehime prefecture, on the island of Shikoku. There are **two** positions available for the internship program.

## Internship Details

- Timeframe: Mid-May to late July or early August 2026 (from 70 to 80 days).
- Work Hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM.




## Work Responsibilities include

- Assist EPIC staff in answering inquiries from the people of Ehime and foreign residents.
- Plan and execute cross-cultural seminars on Hawaiian and American cultures (including visits to elementary, middle, high schools, universities in Ehime, and participation in the "UWAJIMA Hawaii Festival").


## Eligibility Requirements

1. U.S. citizen and 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. Must be able to attend an in-person interview on campus.


## Internship Support includes

-  Roundtrip ticket (Honolulu-Ehime)
-  Stipend
-  Accommodation arrangements

## Important Dates

 **Information Session:** February 5, 2026 (Thurs.), 1:30pm to 2:30pm in Moore Hall 319 (Tokioka Room).  
E-mail [cjsad@hawaii.edu](mailto:cjsad@hawaii.edu) by Feb. 3rd to sign-up.

 **Application Deadline:** March 2, 2026 (Mon.) at 9am HST

 **Interview for finalists:** March 9, 2026 (Mon.), starting from 2:30pm.  
Candidates will be contacted to schedule an interview.



Ehime Prefecture, Japan

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Please contact Joan Pan at the Center for Japanese Studies if you have any questions regarding the program and/or application process, [cjsad@hawaii.edu](mailto:cjsad@hawaii.edu), 956-2664.