

## Announcements

The University Affiliated Program (UAP) at the University of Hawai'i announces that it has created an umbrella Center on Disability Studies (CDS) which incorporates the UAP and another 25 programs associated with it including a new NIDRR funded National Center for the Study of Postsecondary Educational Supports. The mission of the Center is to support the quality of life, community integration, and self-determination of all persons accomplished through training, service, research, demonstration, evaluation, and dissemination activities in Hawai'i, the Pacific Region, and the U.S. mainland. The Center provides a structure and process to support and maintain internal professional development, collegiality, and cooperation, reflecting an organizational commitment to excellence. Center activities reflect a commitment to best practice and interdisciplinary cooperation within an academic, community, and family context. Activities are culturally sensitive and demonstrate honor and respect for individual differences in behavior, attitudes, beliefs, and interpersonal styles.

The Center on Disability Studies also announces a new program, Pacific Partnerships in Disability and Diversity Studies. Stipends are available to students accepted into post-master's, doctoral, and post-doctoral programs at the University. The stipends range from \$3000 to \$5000 annually for up to four years or completion of the program requirements, whichever comes first. Students must be actively enrolled in disability studies courses in order to receive funding completing a minimum of fifteen semester credits in core curriculum classes, specialty courses, and research/internship experiences.

The purpose of the program is to educate students in a number of disciplines to be leaders and/or researchers in areas serving children and youth with disabilities, to infuse cultural competence in systems and services for children and youth with disabilities, and to institutionalize disability and diversity studies at the graduate level at the University of Hawai'i in cooperation with collaborating graduate programs.

Funding priority is targeted for students of under-represented ethnic minority groups including Hawaiian/Part-Hawaiian, Filipino, and Pacific Islanders. Students are required to provide two years of service in or research on programs funded under IDEA for each year of financial support, upon graduation.

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