The Department of Ethnic Studies at UHM Announces

The Roland Kotani Endowment Fund Student Scholarship 2015 – 2016

Background: This endowment was established by the family and friends of the late State Representative Roland Kotani who was influential in the development of the Department of Ethnic Studies and in a revitalized effort to engage Hawaii’s young people in progressive politics. It is intended to assist students who share Kotani’s interest in social change as a means of empowering people. The fund will allow students to conduct research in areas of Hawaii’s multiethnic histories and communities, social movements and political economy.

The Award: The Department of Ethnic Studies will award a scholarship of One Thousand Dollars ($1000) for the academic year, 2015-2016.

Eligibility: Undergraduate students at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa who are at junior or senior level and are Ethnic Studies majors or enrolled in the Ethnic Studies Certificate Program. The applicant will be required to undertake a semester of community research or service learning project and enroll in ES 380 (Field Work) and/ or ES 399 (Directed Reading) under the supervision of an Ethnic Studies faculty. Applicants are expected to have a minimum of 3.00 GPA in social science course work.

Selection: The Chair of the Department of Ethnic Studies will evaluate the applicants and make recommendations to the Ethnic Studies Steering Committee. The quality of the application is critical; the proposed community service learning project must be clearly explained and well-designed. The applicant must provide evidence of ability to implement it.

Application: The application should include a cover letter, two letters of recommendation, one from a UH faculty and one from a person knowledgeable in the selected field of study; and a two-page description of the proposed community service learning project or research paper, including rationale, previous service learning experience (if any), and goals.

Due Date: February 13, 2015. Please submit or mail applications to Dr. Ty Tengan, ATTN: The Roland Kotani Endowment Fund Student Scholarship, Department of Ethnic Studies, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, 2560 Campus Road, George 301, Honolulu, HI 96822

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