



R-ADHIKARYA "NICHE" AWARD (RANA) PROSPECTUS

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I. Purpose:

The **R-Adhikarya "Niche" Award** is a token of appreciation and recognition for smart, innovative, and competitive young people who wish to further pursue their dreams to learn, explore, and apply disruptive ideas and "niche" innovative thinking in their studies and future careers.

The Award will help encourage, motivate, and increase the confidence of promising students to **explore unique and unusual - as opposed to "more-of-the-same" competencies and solutions in their future careers**. It is to reward those who dare to think differently and are interested in **studying and solving important contemporary problems** and/or **future societal needs/wants** not currently being considered or significantly addressed by others. It supports **young visionaries** to develop a "**Growth Mindset**".

II. The Awards:

The **competitive Award** will be offered **annually** to students at **three (3) world-class US educational institutions**: the **East-West Center (EWC)**, **Stanford University**, and **Cornell University**.

(1) **The East-West Center (EWC)**, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA

One (1) Award (initially) is offered annually for graduate study, either as:

Award-1a + EWC Graduate Degree Fellowship: Total Value: **\$ 103,000** as follows:

- The Award will provide \$ 10,000 in cash, and EWC will provide housing, books, insurance, & stipends (valued at \$ 26,000 total for two years), plus Tuition Fees at the University of Hawai'i (UH) for 2 years (valued at \$ 67,000), or

Award-1b + EWC Foundation Scholarship: Total Value: **\$ 56,000** as follows:

- The Award and EWC will provide \$ 10,000 each in cash, plus a reduction in Tuition Fees at the University of Hawaii (UH) for 2 years (valued at \$ 36,000).

In addition, an opportunity for a short-term **INTERNSHIP** at the **Office of the Minority Leader Emeritus, State of Hawaii's Legislature, Honolulu**, can be arranged based on mutual agreement.

(2) **Stanford University**, Stanford, California, USA

One (1) Award (initially) will be offered annually for undergraduate study:

- Eligible Undergraduate Students who are accepted to and enroll at Stanford University will be automatically considered to receive \$12,500 from the Ronny Adhikarya Undergraduate Scholarship as part of their overall financial aid package from Stanford University.

(3) **Cornell University**, Ithaca, New York, USA

One (1) Award annually for graduate study of \$ 10,000 **minimum**, plus possible **additional Financial Aid Awards** from **Cornell's Dept. of Global Development** for **Graduate** (MPS and esp. Ph.D.) **Students**.

III. Awards Donor:

Dr. Ronny Adhikarya, and his wife, **Mee-Ching**, decided to set up funding for these Annual Awards from their estate. Ronny Adhikarya, born in Bogor, Indonesia, was a student activist and a journalist in Indonesia until he went to the US for his studies: **Cornell** for his masters (1971-72) and **Stanford** for his Ph.D. (1977-80). He was fortunate to **obtain full fellowships** (including stipends for living costs) from the two universities. He worked as a research staff at the **East-West Center (EWC)** starting in 1972, where he met **pioneers and international luminaries** in his field of expertise (education & communication) who mentored and provided him with **invaluable "tacit" knowledge and intellectual capital** to continue his **international development assistance** career, mainly with **the United Nations/FAO and the World Bank**, and other institutions for more than 45 years. **It's now "Pay-Back"/Give-Back time!**

IV. Eligibility:

The following are the eligibility and requirements for applying and competing for the Awards:

(1) The East-West Center (EWC):

Read: "East-West Center Ranks among World's Best Think Tanks"

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/news/news-release/ewc-again-ranked-among-top-government-affiliated-think-tanks-worldwide-0>

- (i) **Must be admitted** to a graduate degree program at the University of Hawai'i (UH) and be selected for the EWC's Graduate Degree Fellowship or EWC's Foundation Scholarship.
- (ii) **Students from Indonesia or any other students** whose proposed study/research has significant relevance to Indonesia may apply. Those from **ASEAN and Legal Residents of Hawaii** will be given preference.
- (iii) Participate in the **RANA Award Competition**, whose Winner will be selected by an **International Selection Committee** (Independent from the Award Donor).

(2) Stanford University:

- (i) Must be **admitted and enrolled** as an Undergraduate Student at Stanford University.
- (ii) **Indonesian Students** (or those with a strong affinity to Indonesia) are given preference, but other students from any country, esp. from ASEAN, may also be considered.
- (iii) **Eligible students** will be automatically **considered for the scholarship** as part of their **overall financial aid package**. The scholarship recipient will be **selected by Stanford University's Financial Aid Office**, independent from the scholarship donor.

(3) Cornell University:

- (i) Must be **admitted** for Graduate Degree Studies within Cornell University's **Dept. of Global Development of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALIS)**.
- (ii) **Indonesian Students** (or those with strong affinity to Indonesia) are given preference, but other students from any country, esp. from ASEAN, may also be considered.
- (iii) Must **apply** for Cornell University's **RANA Prize**, and the Award Winner will be **selected by Cornell University's Dept. of Global Development** (Independent from the Award Donor).

V. Application Procedures:

(1) The East-West Center (EWC):

- (i) Complete both applications for (a) the **EWC's Graduate Degree Fellowship (GDF)** and (b) **University of Hawaii's graduate school**, no later than **December 1 each year**, at these links/URLs:

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/education/ewc-graduate-degree-fellowship>

and

<http://manoa.hawaii.edu/graduate/>

Students must submit applications to EWC and to the UH Graduate Division.

Confirmation of submission of Departmental UH application, TOEFL scores, transcripts, and reference letters must arrive at the EWC by **January 10 each year**. See GDF Handbook on the "How to Apply":

<https://www.eastwestcenter.org/apply/east-west-center-graduate-degree-fellowship-apply-now>

- (ii) After completing the two applications mentioned in section V(1)(i), then complete the application for the **R-Adhikarya "Niche" Award** (which will be reviewed by an **International Selection Committee**), no later than **Feb. 28, each year**, through this link: <http://bit.ly/ranaapplform>

(2) Stanford University:

- (i) **Apply to Stanford University**, gain admission, and enroll as an undergraduate student. **Eligible students** will be automatically **considered for the scholarship** as part of their **overall financial aid package**. See [Stanford University's website](#), or contact [Stanford University's Financial Aid Office](#) with any questions.
- (ii) Contact [Kiroyan Partners](#) if you are notified by the Stanford Financial Aid Office that you have received the scholarship for further instructions.

(3) Cornell University:

- (i) Read and complete applications for (a) **Cornell University's Graduate Studies: > For Master of Professional Studies (MPS) Program in Global Development:** <https://cals.cornell.edu/education/degrees-programs/graduate-field-global-development>

Please submit the completed Application by March 15.

> For Ph.D. Program (in Development Sociology) at the Department of Global Development:

<https://cals.cornell.edu/education/degrees-programs/graduate-field-development-sociology>

Please submit the completed Application by November 30.

- (ii) Read and complete applications for (b) **Cornell Global Development - RANA Prize** <https://cals.cornell.edu/global-development/cornell-rana-prize-application>

Please submit the completed Application by March 15.

- (iii) Contact [Kiroyan Partners](#) as soon as admission at Cornell University is received for further instructions.

VI. Selection Process:

(1) Stanford University

For the Ronny Adhikarya Undergraduate Scholarship at **Stanford University**, the Stanford Financial Aid Office will select the scholarship recipient independent from the scholarship donor.

(2) **Cornell University**

For the R-Adhikarya "NICHE" Award at **Cornell University**, its **Department of Global Development** will make the assessment and select the Award Recipient.

(3) **The East-West Center**

For the R-Adhikarya "NICHE" Award at the **East-West Center**, an **International Selection Committee** (ISC) will review, evaluate, and select the Award Recipient based on the nomination of qualified candidates by the East-West Center. In implementing its work, the ISC is Independent of the Award Donor.

The ISC consists of **Members** and **Advisory Members** who serve on a voluntary basis for a 3-year term. All ISC Members are prominent professionals with international working experience, including in the ASEAN countries.

(i) **Selection Committee Members** (with Voting Rights), for the period of 2020-2024:

- **Ms. Nina MAPILI** (Chair, ISC), has worked internationally for over 20 years to promote entrepreneurial excellence, thinking and action in businesses and individuals. She is the former CEO and MD of Mapili GmbH in Germany and founder of the Journey to Excellence (J2Ex) program for organizational and personal excellence. Originally an architect trained in the US and Germany, she also once managed Germany's first international master's program. She is now based in **Switzerland & Cambodia**.
- **Associate Prof. Dr. Eric WIBISONO** (Secretary, ISC), is Dean, Faculty of Engineering at the University of Surabaya (UBAYA) in **Indonesia**. He did his master's and Ph.D. studies in Australia and Thailand and served as Secretary General of the World Bank's Knowledge Utilization through Learning Technology (KULT) Program Consortium.
- **Prof. Dr. Norbert GRÜNWALD** (Member), is ex-Rector/President of the Wismar University of Technology, Business, and Design in **Germany**. He is also former Dean of the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Robert-Schmidt-Institute at the Faculty of Engineering at Wismar University, Germany. He is now Vice President of a University in Douala, **Cameroon**.
- **Prof. Dr. Ir. Asep SAEFUDDIN** (Member), is Rector/President of the University of Al Azhar Indonesia (UAI) in Jakarta, Indonesia, and was previously Rector/President of Trilogi University in Jakarta. He is also a professor at the IPB University in Bogor and has served as Vice Chair of the Indonesian Rectors Forum.
- **Prof. Dr. Arvind SINGHAL (Member)**, is the Marston Endowed Professor and the Director of the Social Justice Initiative at The University of Texas at El Paso, **USA**. He has also been appointed, since 2010, as the *William J. Clinton Distinguished Fellow* at the Clinton School of Public Service, Little Rock, Arkansas, and since 2015, *Distinguished Professor 2*, Faculty of Business Administration, Inland University of Applied Sciences, **Norway**. He is the co-author or editor of 14 books, and his major contributions include Positive Deviance (PD), Education-Entertainment (EduTainment), and Liberating Structures approaches.

(ii) **Advisory Members** (without Voting Rights), for the period of 2020-2024:

- **Dr. Irid Farida AGOES**, is the Board of Governance Chair, Asia-Pacific Development Foundation, and former Chair of the Executive Board of the East-West Center Association (EWCA). She was previously an ex-director of both the AFS (American Field Services) and the International Institute of Education (IIE) in Indonesia. She is now an

Intercultural Specialist at the University of Indonesia's Graduate School of Strategic and Global Studies in Jakarta, **Indonesia**.

- **Ms. Ann HARTMAN** (ex-Officio Member), is Dean of Education Program at the East-West Center, Honolulu, Hawaii, **USA**. She is an expert in international education and has held many important educational positions, working esp. with students, young leaders, and women entrepreneurs in Asia and the USA; she also served for the Peace Corps in Uzbekistan, Pakistan, and Bulgaria.
- **Prof. Dr. Lori LEONARD** (ex-Officio Member), is Professor and Chair of the Department of Global Development at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, **USA**. Her recent scholarship centers on environmental themes, including extractive, waste, and achieving circularity in food systems. She was previously on the faculty at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and has held fellowships at the Bellagio Center of the Rockefeller Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson Center, and the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability. She served in the Peace Corps in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and in Chad.
- **Mr. Noke KIROYAN** (ex-Officio Member), is the Founder of Kiroyan Partners in Jakarta, **Indonesia**, and Chairman of the International Chamber of Commerce in Indonesia, and also an Advisor to the Indonesia - Australia Business Council. He was previously President Director of Rio Tinto, Indonesia, and PT Newmont Pacific Nusantara, as well as ex-CEO of Salim OleoChemicals in the USA, and was a Representative for the Salim Group in Germany & Australia. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of USINDO (US-Indonesia Society).
- **The Honorable Dr. Gene WARD**, is the Minority Leader (Emeritus) at the House of Representatives, State of Hawaii (Legislature), **USA**, where he has served for more than 20 years. Dr. Ward was a Research Associate at the East-West Center's Technology & Development Institute in the 1970s. He is a Director of the Hawaii-Indonesia Chamber of Commerce (HICHAM) and was Co-Founder of the Hawaii Entrepreneurship Training & Development Institute. A Vietnam Veteran, Dr. Ward also served as Peace Corps Country Director in East Timor and worked for the United Nations/ILO in Malawi. Dr. Ward is also a Member of the Board of Governors of the East-West Center.

VII. Implementing Agency: KIROYAN Partners

Kiroyan Partners, a leading Public Affairs consulting firm, has agreed to partner in this endeavor by providing free Public Service support to coordinate and implement the communication, publicity and marketing activities of the Award, as well as coordinating and maintaining the internal communication platform for the ISC members.

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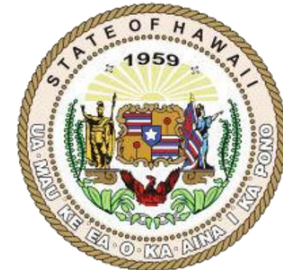
Previous RANA Winners:

[2020 EWC-RANA Recipient](#)

[2021 EWC-RANA Recipient](#)

[2022 EWC-RANA Recipient](#)

[2022 CORNELL-RANA Recipient](#)



VIII. Supported by:



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