



**R-ADHIKARYA
NICHE AWARD**

For Young Visionaries

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R-ADHIKARYA “NICHE” AWARD (RANA)

Are you driven by **disruptive ideas** and bold enough to pursue the road less traveled?

The **R-Adhikarya “Niche” Award (RANA)** recognizes **smart, innovative, and purpose-driven students** who are eager to explore **unique and unconventional** approaches in their studies and future careers—those who embrace **“niche” innovative thinking** and aspire to develop solutions that go beyond the conventional.

This prestigious award supports young visionaries with a **Growth Mindset**, encouraging them to apply **fresh thinking** and address **important contemporary challenges** and **future societal needs** that are not yet widely considered or addressed.

WHY RANA?

Since 2020, the RANA Awards have been offered annually at **three world-renowned U.S. educational institutions**:

- **East-West Center (EWC)** – Honolulu, Hawai‘i
- **Stanford University** – California
- **Cornell University (Dept of Global Development)** – New York

RANA is more than financial assistance. It is a platform for outstanding students who aim to **lead with originality, challenge conventional thinking with curiosity, and build careers rooted in creative and strategic problem-solving.**

The Award is designed to inspire students to **explore new frontiers, think differently, and pursue innovative pathways** rather than relying on “more-of-the-same” competencies and solutions.

WHO CAN APPLY?

The RANA Award is open to:

- Students from **Indonesia**.
- Students whose proposed study or research demonstrates strong relevance or affinity to Indonesia.
- Preference is given to students from ASEAN countries and legal residents of Hawai‘i.

Candidates are expected to demonstrate the **courage and creativity to pursue uncharted ideas, a commitment to solving complex real-world issues, and the motivation to grow through intellectual curiosity and purpose-driven exploration.**

AWARD PACKAGES

1. East-West Center

Available to students admitted to the University of Hawai‘i (UH) graduate programs and selected for:

Option **A**: **RANA + EWC Graduate Degree Fellowship**
Total Value: US\$103,000

Includes:

- USD 10,000 cash award.
- Two-year coverage of housing, books, insurance, and stipends (~US\$26,000).
- Full tuition at the University of Hawai‘i (~US\$67,000).

Option **B**: **RANA + EWC Foundation Scholarship**
Total Value: USD 56,000

Includes:

- US\$10,000 cash award.*
- Partial tuition reduction at the University of Hawai‘i (~US\$36,000).

*Additional financial support may be provided through the EWC Foundation Scholarship.

2. Stanford University

- US\$12,500 cash scholarship.
- Plus Stanford financial aid package valued at approximately US\$60,000 or more.

3. Cornell University

- Minimum US\$10,000 cash award.
- Plus financial aid support valued at approximately US\$70,000 or more.
- Available for MPS and Ph.D. students within Cornell’s Department of Global Development.

4. COMBI Institute

- Free tuition support valued at US\$1,000 for two participants annually.
- Participation in the Communication for Behavioral Impact (COMBI) Professional Development Program in Indonesia.
- Conducted in collaboration with the City University of New York (CUNY).
- Includes participation in the 8-day learning program

HOW TO APPLY?

For East-West Center Applicants:

1. Apply to both the **University of Hawai‘i Graduate School and the EWC Graduate Degree Fellowship or EWC Foundation Scholarship** by **December 1** (annually).
2. Complete the RANA Award application by **March 13** via rana-prize.org.
3. RANA Winner will be assessed and selected by RANA’s International Selection Committee (ISC), independent from the Donor.

For Stanford & Cornell Applicants:

- Apply directly to the university programs.
- Award recipients will be selected by each institution.
- Details available in the RANA Prospectus.

LEARN MORE: Prospectus: bit.ly/RANA-PROSPECTUS Official application site: RANA-prize.org

Previous RANA awardees and scholars have come from Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Nigeria, and the United States.

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bold ideas into lasting impact.