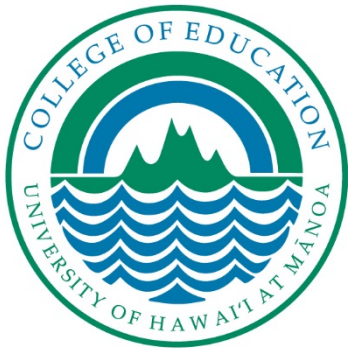


# Ho'olako Grant Cohort



*A Grant Funded Opportunity to Earn a Master of Special Education Degree*



Financial \*support includes:

- Tuition stipend to cover 33 credits, disbursed by semester
- Initial \$1400 stipend at the beginning of program to allow for technology access to support participation in this M.Ed. program
- \$600 Registration & travel stipend to attend a regional/ state conference in Hawaii to present their research.

Eligibility requirements:

- 3.0 grade point average and a bachelor's degree from a UHM recognized and accredited college or university.
- Be a licensed teacher with a minimum of 2 years of experience teaching special education in a rural, remote, and/or disadvantaged area in the state of Hawaii.
- Currently teaching students with severe behavioral and learning needs, including those with autism spectrum disorder, and a strong desire to continue to teach these students.

*\*Required scholar service obligation (payback) of two years working with students with disabilities for each year of financial support. Service obligation monitored by the federal government.*

**Priority Deadline:**  
**October 1, 2015**

**Final Deadline:**  
**November 1, 2015**

**Interested?** Complete the Ho'olako Interest Form: <http://bit.ly/hoolako>  
**Questions?** Contact Janet Kim; [spedinfo@hawaii.edu](mailto:spedinfo@hawaii.edu), 808-726-0054

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## Description

The Department of Special Education at UH Manoa has been awarded a grant from the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs to provide financial support for 30 candidates to receive specialized training in a hybrid distance education Master of Special Education degree program. The Ho'olako grant project will prepare diverse special educators to improve outcomes for students with severe behavioral and learning needs, including those with autism spectrum disorder in high poverty, remote, and rural settings across the state of Hawaii. Two cohorts of 15 candidates each will be selected to participate in this project. The first cohort will be selected in Fall 2015 to begin the M.Ed. program in January 2016. The second cohort will be selected in Fall 2017 to begin the M.Ed. program in January 2018.

## Program Overview

- 33 credits of graduate level specialized coursework, cohorted
- Hybrid Model: Program uses online courses, virtual class sessions, and a few face to face class sessions at UHM per semester for some specified courses (partial travel stipend provided)
- Supervised internship
- Summer coursework for two consecutive summers

**How to Apply:** You will need to apply to UH Manoa's Office of Graduate Education (OGE) as well as the College of Education SPED Master's program. Your SPED advisor can answer specific question and provide links to application materials – please complete the Ho'olako Grant Candidate survey at [bit.ly/hoolako](http://bit.ly/hoolako) to be contacted by an advisor.

## Required Coursework:

M.Ed. Core  
SPED602 Special Education Law & Compliance  
SPED642 Introduction to Research  
SPED641b Issues in Special Education Seminar  
SPED688 Research Practicum  
Severe/Autism Core  
SPED412 Individuals with Severe/Autism  
SPED603 Principles of Behavior  
SPED614 Assessment & Instruction Severe/Autism  
SPED632 Language\Communication Intervention  
SPED618 Adaptations and Special Procedures  
SPED629 Clinical Practice/Internship  
Capstone Project  
SPED695 Plan B Project

## Possible \*costs for candidates:

**Travel:** Travel will be for Saturday class sessions a few times a semester for certain classes in the program. Travel stipend may not cover all expenses for face-to-face travel. **Books:** Books are not covered under the grant. The initial \$1400 stipend may be applied to cover some book costs if not needed for technology access. **Transcripts:** Copies of prior college transcripts required for initial application to the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. **Fees:** \$100 application fee to the University of Hawaii at Mānoa. \*Candidates may also apply for financial aid and scholarships.