

Pacific International Training Desk

2017 TRAINING SCHEDULE

WHAT is PITD?

The Pacific International Training Desk (PITD) is a 4-week training program established by the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National Weather Service (NWS) at the Weather Forecast Offices (WFO) in Honolulu and Guam. Level-1 training is intended to prepare weather observers to understand the forecast process, learn fundamental concepts and skills required for forecasting, and provide an opportunity for basic hands-on work with meteorological analysis and prediction. The training also covers messaging and weather communications with the use of RANET systems. Level-2 training includes more in-depth materials for junior forecasters. The Pacific Desk will prepare trainees to return to their weather offices for further operational forecasting experience.

WHO should attend?

PITD invites Meteorological and Hydrological Service employees or authorized representatives from Pacific island members of the Regional Association V (RA-V) of the World Meteorological Organization with a focus on small developing countries. The program is intended as an early step in initial forecast training, preparing trainees for lengthier and more advanced training programs such as Australia Bureau of Meteorology programs and Regional Training Programs/Courses in Japan, the Philippines, and elsewhere. Level-1 training is geared towards non-Scientific Officers (observers, met technicians, etc.) with no more than one year of experience in weather forecasting. Level-2 training is offered to junior forecasters.

HOW to apply?

Trainees are current employees (e.g. non-Scientific Officers, weather observers, meteorological technicians, etc.) or authorized nominees from their respective governments. Nominees are officially nominated by their governments to attend. Submit a completed Registration Form and provide a current CV/Resume. Nominees must be able to obtain a US entry visa and must be able to travel to the US. To obtain more information about how to apply, email pacificdesk@uhtasi.org or visit our website: <http://pacificdesk.org>

WHERE are we located?

Honolulu, Hawaii Office
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Guam Office
NOAA/NWS Weather Forecast Office
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WHEN is training?

HONOLULU TRAINING

Level 1 Course

Cohort 1: 6 - 31 March 2017
Cohort 2: 1 - 26 May 2017
Cohort 3: 3 - 28 July 2017

Level 2 Course

Cohort 4: 28 Aug - 22 Sept 2017
Cohort 5: 9 Oct - 3 Nov 2017

GUAM TRAINING

Level 1 Course

Cohort 1: 27 Mar - 21 Apr 2017
Cohort 2: 8 May - 2 June 2017
Cohort 3: 19 June - 14 July 2017

NOTE: The Guam training site is designated for trainees from the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands and Republic of Palau. All other participants will attend training in Honolulu, HI.

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