

# News Highlights

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## **UH CANCER CENTER RESEARCHER RECEIVES FULBRIGHT AWARD TO STUDY BREAST CANCER IN CAUCASIAN AND ASIAN WOMEN**

**HONOLULU** – Gertraud Maskarinec, MD, PhD, researcher in the University of Hawai'i Cancer Center's Cancer Epidemiology Program received a \$20,000 Fulbright Award, to enable her to research the relation of obesity, type 2 diabetes, and breast cancer in Caucasian and Asian women.

The research will address the global health problems of obesity, diabetes, and breast cancer. As a nutritional epidemiologist, Dr. Maskarinec will perform comparative research using new statistical methods for six weeks at the University of Iceland in Reykjavik, Iceland, one month at the University of Edinburgh in Edinburgh, UK, and six weeks at the Research Effects Research Foundation in Hiroshima, Japan. In addition she will give lectures and seminars in the area of her research, in particular nutritional epidemiology and ethnic differences in disease risk.

"No greater example of the continued importance of international education can be found than in the determination and drive of our 2017-18 grantees. These students, academics and professionals have identified the relevance of intercultural cooperation to their careers," said Amy Moore, director of the Fulbright Awards Programme.

The Fulbright Commission provides awards for study or research in any field, at any accredited US or UK university. The Commission selects scholars through a rigorous application and interview process, looking for academic excellence alongside a focused application, a range of extracurricular and community activities, demonstrated ambassadorial skills, a desire to further the Fulbright programme and a plan to give back to the US upon returning.

The University of Hawai'i Cancer Center through its various activities, cancer trial patients and their guests, and other visitors adds more than \$54 million to the O'ahu economy. It is one of only 69 research institutions designated by the National Cancer Institute. Affiliated with the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, the Center is dedicated to eliminating cancer through research, education, patient care and community outreach with an emphasis on the unique ethnic, cultural, and environmental characteristics of Hawai'i and the Pacific.

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