



“When deciding on a school, I think most graduate students pay close attention to the financial aid being offered.”

- KINOHI NISHIKAWA G'08

**Kinohi Nishikawa G'08** of Honolulu, Hawaii, was the first in his family to attend college, and now he's pursuing a PhD. He studies print culture, and his research focuses on disparities and inequalities in literacy. He's had a chance to design three literature courses based on his research. This enriches Duke's course offerings, "and talking about the material with undergraduates is illuminating for me, too," he said.



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Duke, like its peers, provides virtually all PhD students with full funding, and Kinohi received a named fellowship as well. This honor helped draw him to Duke, and top doctoral students like Kinohi help attract and retain top faculty. "Graduate students are an important resource," he said. "We bring with us new ways of thinking about research questions. We're part of some of the most exciting projects out there."