

CALL FOR STUDENT RESEARCHERS

THE JAPAN ISSEI PROJECT: A Study on the Japanese Roots of CHamoru Families

The Japan Issei Project – *issei* being a Japanese term for first-generation immigrants – is a research project that will document the immigration of 20 Japanese men to Guam prior to World War II and the histories and legacies of the Japanese-CHamoru families they started here.

Applicant Eligibility

The project will select 20 students to research and write the history of a Japanese-CHamoru family of their choosing. Applicants should:

- Be enrolled at the University of Guam, Guam Community College, or another accredited post-secondary institution
- Demonstrate strong research and writing skills
- Have a connection to the Japanese-CHamoru community or be in one of their family lines
- Identify the family line they plan to research

Project Details

- Project date: June 2022 to November 2022
- Compensation: **\$750** per student for their completed and approved work
- Students will research a single Japanese issei and his family legacy in Guam by consulting elders in the family, documentary materials, and the Micronesian Area Research Center at the University of Guam.
- **A final written report of 8-10 pages should include:**
 - » Names and birthdates of the original immigrant, his spouse, children, and grandchildren
 - » Immigrant background, origin in Japan, dates and reasons for coming to Guam
 - » Business, occupation, and experience in Guam before and during World War II and the Japanese Occupation
 - » Post-World War II experience
 - » Family legacy/contributions to life and society of Guam

For more information and an application form, email:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2022

FAMILY NAMES BEING CONSIDERED:

ASANOMA
DEJIMA*
FUJIWARA
HANIU
HARA
ICHIHARA
IMAIZUMI
INOUE
ISEZAKI
ISHIZAKI
IWATSU
MIYAMOTO
NODA
OCHAI
OKADA
OKIYAMA
ONEDERA
OOKA

SAKIKABARA
SAWADA*
SAYAMA
SHIMIZU
SHINOHARA
SUDO
SUGIYAMA
SUZUKI
TAKANO
TANAKA
TAYAMA
YAMAGUCHI
YAMASAKI
YAMANAKA
YAMASHITA
YOKOI
YOSHIDA

*well known individuals who left no family line

Note: Other family names can be proposed as long as they are part of this migration of Japanese men in pre-WWII Guam.