



Densho Research Internships

About Densho

Densho is a Seattle-based non-profit organization started in 1996, with the initial goal of documenting oral histories from Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II. This evolved into a mission to educate, preserve, collaborate and inspire action for equity. Densho leverages digital technology to both preserve and provide access to invaluable primary source materials on the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans. We present these materials and related resources for their historic value and as a means of exploring critical issues of democracy, intolerance, wartime hysteria, civil rights and the responsibilities of citizenship in our increasingly interconnected global society.

Job Description

Densho is excited to offer two remote internship opportunities for individuals interested in supporting our research and educational projects to enhance historical accuracy and inclusivity. As an intern with Densho, you will play a vital role in enhancing the representation of the Japanese American wartime incarceration through the following activities: research and identify the gaps, inaccuracies, and areas in need of updates in existing online resources; collaborate with subject matter experts to ensure accuracy, inclusivity, and the integration of diverse perspectives; update Wikipedia and Densho Encyclopedia articles related to the wartime incarceration of Japanese Americans during WWII; and perform other duties as needed. The internship will provide candidates with hands-on experience in historical research, content development, and an opportunity to contribute to Densho's vital mission of preserving and sharing Japanese American history.

The internship begins in October 2023 and must end by June 30, 2024, for a total of 300 hours at \$21 per hour, no benefits. Work hours must be completed within Densho's hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm, working 10-15 hours per week. This is a remote internship, but the candidate must currently reside in Washington State. The ideal candidate is self-directed, detail-oriented, and comfortable with technology. Candidates should have strong research and analytic skills with a passion for history and social justice. Familiarity with Wikipedia editing and knowledge of Japanese American and/or AAPI history is preferred.

Eligibility

Interns must be currently enrolled at or have graduated within the last five years from an accredited institution of higher education and be currently residing in Washington State. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to participate, including students pursuing associate's degrees or certification programs at community colleges and trade schools. Current students or recent graduates in Asian American Studies, history, ethnic studies, education, museum studies preferred.

Apply

To apply for one of the positions, please send your resume and cover letter to Brian Niiya at jobs@densho.org by October 12, 2023. Please include "DLH Intern" in the subject line. All applications will be held in confidence. All submissions and questions should be sent via email – no phone inquiries please.

The internships are funded by the Washington State Historical Society's [Diversity in Local History grant program](#).