



Communication/Research High School Intern Summer 2024

Background

13,000 Japanese Americans were forcibly removed from the West Coast and incarcerated at Minidoka War Relocation Center in Idaho during WWII. Today, the historic War Relocation Center is the Minidoka National Historic Site, a unit of the National Park Service. Friends of Minidoka is a nonprofit philanthropic and educational organization that supports Minidoka NHS through the protection and preservation of the lessons and legacy of the incarceration story.

Job Description

The Communication/Research High School Summer Intern with Friends of Minidoka will perform a variety of research, writing, and related activities in support of their newsletter, *The Minidoka Irrigator: Cultivating Community*. *The Minidoka Irrigator* reaches broad audiences including survivors of Minidoka, scholars, and educators.

Qualifications

- Currently enrolled high school student.
- Demonstrated interest in civil liberties and the Japanese American incarceration experience.
- Excellent written and verbal communication.
- Attention to detail and willingness to learn.
- Demonstrated ability to foster an atmosphere of diversity and inclusion consistent with the Friends of Minidoka's aims.

Responsibilities

- Research a topic as discussed with the Program and Outreach Manager.
 - In 2024, Friends of Minidoka is commemorating acts of resistance through public programs and projects. High school interns for Friends of Minidoka will choose 1-2 people or events related to Japanese American history that embody this theme.
- Products:
 - Write 4 short articles (approximately 400 words) for the *Irrigator* newsletter for 2024-2025.
 - Photos can be historic, modern, or creative.
 - (Optional) Create a reflective, creative, or cumulative piece that explains what you learned. This can be a written, visual, or performance piece.
- Visit the site with friends and family who have not been to Minidoka NHS.



Orientation

- Meet with Friends of Minidoka's Program and Outreach Manager and Academic Supervisor (one meeting).
 - Agree upon topics for research and timeline for products.
 - Complete administrative paperwork.
- Complete an online research training and orientation session (June).

Supervision

- Reports to Friends of Minidoka's Program and Outreach Manager via a weekly email update.
 - Meets biweekly with Program and Outreach Manager
- Report to an academic supervisor (every other week).

Physical requirements and working conditions

- Work is performed primarily indoors and may involve sitting for long periods of time.
- Successful applicants will need to comply with COVID-19 safety mitigations including but not limited to wearing masks, observing physical distancing, and enhanced sick policies.

Application

Must be a current high school student in Idaho.

Complete the [application](#) by **April 29, 2024** and email it to camille@minidoka.org.

Additional details

- Stipend of \$300 for approximately 40-45 hours.
- Internship begins **June 15, 2024** and ends **August 15, 2024**.