

CALL FOR STUDENT RESEARCHERS

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

The Guam 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 on the island.

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 to apply, contact:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 30, 2022

FAMILY NAMES BEING CONSIDERED:

ASANOMA	SAKIKABARA
DEJIMA*	SAWADA*
FUJIWARA	SAYAMA
HANIU	SHIMIZU
HARA	SHINOHARA
ICHIHARA	SUDO
IMAIZUMI	SUGIYAMA
INOUE	SUZUKI
ISEZAKI	TAKANO
ISHIZAKI	TANAKA
IWATSU	TAYAMA
MIYAMOTO	YAMAGUCHI
NODA	YAMASAKI
OCHAI	YAMANAKA
OKADA	YAMASHITA
OKIYAMA	YOKOI
ONEDERA	YOSHIDA
OOKA	

*well known individuals who left no family line

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