Help Wanted -- Undergraduate Research Assistants

Faculty Member and email:

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Research topic /area:

    Japanese/Chinese History

When will the URA be needed?
(Suggested time commitment: A total of 20 hours of work for each credit hour taken)

    __X__ Autumn, Second Session (Begins October 16) (1-2 credit hours)
    ___ Spring Semester (1-3 credit hours)
    ___ May Term (1-3 credit hours)
    ____ Summer Term (1-3 credit hours)

Job description:

    Research Assistant(s) 1 or 2 to assist in a project that explores a variety of issues related to Japanese dam construction in early twentieth century Manchukuo/Manchuria, Taiwan and/or 20th century Japan. Locating, summarizing and organizing Chinese and/or Japanese sources; possible communication with Chinese, Taiwanese, and/or Japanese scholars.

Desired Qualifications:

    Excellent Chinese (including pre-World War II) and/or Japanese reading/writing skills and English writing skills. Ability to record/summarize in English, historical materials written in Chinese and/or Japanese, possible identification and acquisition of new materials for summary. Ability to work independently, under guiding instruction.

Educational Outcome(s) for the Student:

    1) Develop ability to carefully summarize historical material without intrusion of personal opinion.
2) Develop ability to organize historical data in meaningful ways and identify points that require verification or further information
3) Develop ability to properly cite sources so they can readily be re-consulted later as needed (Romanized and transliterated).
4) Possible exposure to the nature of professional communications among senior scholars working in different socio-cultural settings.

What the student should submit in order to apply:

E-mail stating interest in the position, discussion of Japanese/Chinese reading ability, evidence of English writing ability (short writing sample as an attachment). Names of possible referees (1-3) and contacts for them.

Application review by faculty member will begin around what date?

October 1 until filled.