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## **Japanese American Archival Collection Undergraduate Research Travel Grant 2025/2026 Call for Applications**

The Japanese American Archival Collection Undergraduate Research Travel Grant (JAAC URTG) provides two (2) annual grants up to \$3,000.00 for individuals or research teams. Researchers who live within a 100-mile radius of Sacramento are eligible for up to \$500.00.

The annual JAAC Undergraduate Research Travel Grant (JAAC URTG) supports the use of the Japanese American Archival Collection by upper division undergraduate researchers for scholarly research and creative end-products relating to the Japanese American experience, marginalization, racism, the Constitution of the United States, as well as the principles of democracy and social justice.

The JAAC URTG is funded through the California State University, Sacramento University Library's Endowment for the Japanese American Archival Collection.

### **Collection Description**

The Japanese American Archival Collection at Sacramento State chronicles the Japanese American experience of immigration and settlement to the United States, WWII Internment, redress, and reparations. The collection was established in 1994 with a gift of photographs, documents and artifacts from the teaching materials of Mary Tsukamoto, and additional gifts from the Florin Japanese American Citizens League, records of the Sacramento VFW Nisei Post 8985, and more than 260 individual community members (<https://library.csus.edu/japanese-american-archival-collection>). It is international in scope, with an emphasis on Sacramento and the Central Valley, and is widely recognized because of the depth and breadth of its holdings. It includes documents created by incarcerated, governmental bodies, the military, concentration camp administrators and employees, and community members who were supportive of and hostile to people of Japanese descent. Formats of the primary sources include diaries, documents, pamphlets, newsletters, photographs, scrapbooks, artifacts, artwork, textiles, monographs, audio/visuals, electronic records, serials, and personal narratives.

### **About California State University, Sacramento and the University Library**

As California's capital university, California State University, Sacramento transforms lives by preparing students for leadership, service, and success. We strive to provide equal access to educational opportunities and commit ourselves to anti-racist and social justice objectives in service to our communities. As an anchor university we aim to connect our students, faculty, and staff with the community to achieve lasting improvements through inclusive civic engagement.

The California State University, Sacramento University Library and the Donald & Beverly Gerth Special Collections and University Archives furthers discovery, creation, and sharing of knowledge that makes for empowered students, equitable learning, and engaged faculty. The University Library is committed to ensuring our library is a welcoming and inclusive place for our diverse students, faculty, staff, and community members.

## Eligibility

Applicants should demonstrate how sources in the Japanese American Archival Collection (JAAC) will substantially contribute to the proposed scholarly or creative end-products.

Demonstrated experience researching the topic is a required qualification.

First consideration will be given to undergraduates from the California State University (CSU) system. Depending on availability of funds, non-CSU students will be considered for a second round of deliberations.

Nominees can include researchers, artists, performing artists, documentarians, exhibitors, public policy employees and activists, among others. Candidates who propose a non-academically traditional final product are encouraged to apply. Examples of outcomes include research papers, lectures, webpages, works of art, virtual or live performances.

## Application Packet

Applicants must submit a completed application packet of no more than 5 pages that includes:

- 1) Description of project objectives and methodology
- 2) Impact and audience of the project
- 3) Description of how the JAAC is integral to the project
- 4) Collection materials to be used
- 5) Any prior activities relating to the project
- 6) A research activity timeline
- 7) Estimated budget
- 8) CV or resume
- 9) Letter of recommendation, preferably from a professor or professional in the field familiar with your work

**Priority Review Begins:** February 28, 2025

**Program Dates:** Start July 1, 2025 or later and concludes by April 20, 2026

## Covered Expenses

Based on the submitted budget, awardees will be compensated for travel, accommodations, and reimbursable activity to cover daily expenses. The Review Committee reserves the right to offer awards of a modified amount or duration from those requested.

## Virtual Information Session

An online information session will be held on Monday, February 3, 2025 to discuss the grant, application process, budget preparation, and answer questions relating to the JAAC URTG.

## **JAAC URTG Review Committee**

Grants will be awarded on the basis of applicants' qualifications, significance of their proposals, feasibility of accomplishing stated goals, and relevance of the proposals to the holdings of the JAAC. The Review Committee will consist of five members:

- Faculty Archivist
- Head, Donald & Beverly Gerth Special Collections and University Archives
- Florin-SV Japanese American Citizens League Representative
- University Library faculty member
- Sacramento State teaching faculty member

## **Post-Award**

Awardees are required to complete a post-URTG report that summarizes what specific goals were accomplished and what goals were partially achieved or not at all, no more than three (3) pages.

Awardees agree to the use of their likeness for university publications and outreach, in any format.