



**ORISE Research Participation Program
Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command
Central Identification Lab
Laboratory Technician Fellowships**



The program provides opportunities to participate in on-going osteological and forensic anthropological research at the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) Central Identification Laboratory (CIL). Under the guidance of mentors, participants will have the opportunity to perform a variety of tasks required for the identification of the remains of Americans missing as a result of our nation's past conflicts and will serve in an American Society of Crime Lab Directors (ASCLD) accredited laboratory environment.

Post-baccalaureate appointments are available. Laboratory technician positions are lab-only, non-deploying fellowships. These positions are intended for those with a BA/BS degree in anthropology, forensics, or a related field or for those with an MA/MS degree with basic but not extensive experience in forensics, biological anthropology, bioarchaeology, or a related field.

Laboratory technicians undertake a wide array of technical and administrative tasks. These include: assisting with skeletal layouts, taking radiographs, cataloging antemortem radiographs, preparing of histological specimens, cutting mitochondrial DNA samples from bone, performance-checking field and laboratory equipment, assisting the Evidence Manager with accessioning or storage-related tasks, compiling final identification case packets, tracking case progress, creating databases, writing short reports and scientific memoranda, and other duties as assigned.

Lab technicians are not usually assigned to do independent casework but may conduct such work under a mentor if they have demonstrated sufficient capacity to do so (e.g., through competency exams and informal assessment).

In rare cases and as laboratory technicians demonstrate increased skill levels and the ability to perform independently tasks to a high standard, they may be selected for more analytical activities or potentially for promotion to the position of deploying anthropologist. These selections are based on: existing prior field experience at the supervisory level, demonstrated analytical ability, the ability to work well independently, educational background, verbal and written communications skills, professionalism, attitude, and demeanor.

The program is open to all qualified U.S. citizens, without regard to race, sex, religion, color, age, physical or mental disability, national origin, or status as a Vietnam era or disabled veteran. Participants will be selected based on relevant archaeological fieldwork, osteological lab experience, academic records, recommendations, applied research interests, compatibility of background and interests with the JPAC mission, and availability of funds. Appointments are for one year and may be renewed for up to two additional years upon recommendation of JPAC and subject to availability of funds. The appointments are full time at the host installation in Hawaii.

Starting-level stipends will be approximately \$50,000 per year. Some inbound travel and moving expenses will be reimbursed according to established policies. Travel and other costs may also be reimbursed for research or training related to the program if approved by JPAC.

Proof of medical insurance is required. Health plans for participants are available through the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education. This program for JPAC is administered by the Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education (ORISE). Applications are accepted and processed on a continuing basis. For additional information or technical assistance with the on-line application process, contact:

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For questions regarding program requirements, contact Public Affairs at PAO_Mail@jpac.pacom.mil or 808-448-1934.

Additional information found at the following websites:

<http://www.orau.org/maryland/participants/apply.htm>

www.jpac.pacom.mil/index.php?page=employments_and_assignments&size=100&ind=0