



# Curriculum Research Award

Salem-Keizer Public Schools is offering an award to a graduate student to perform research that will inform the creation of curriculum around local Native American history and the importance of historic preservation.

## June 2021 – Application deadline extended

Salem-Keizer Public Schools is the progress of delivering an historic level of investment in capital improvements at all schools across the district under the 2018 bond program. All schools will receive some level of improvement under the bond, and 32 schools will receive expanded space or significant renovations.

The largest project in the bond program is the investment being made at South Salem High School. Over \$84 million is being invested at South to provide additional classrooms, seismic upgrades, a new auxiliary gym, a new state-of-the-art performing arts center, additional parking and more. Construction began in the spring of 2020 and is scheduled to be substantially complete in the fall of 2021.

Historic preservation and education activities are planned as part of this project.

The site where South Salem High School is located has cultural significance to local Native American tribes. Salem-Keizer has signed an agreement with the State Historic Preservation Office to fund a research project that will inform future curriculum and/or educational activities at both the elementary and secondary levels. The project is to be awarded to a current graduate student to accomplish the desired outcomes.



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## Desired Outcomes:

1. Design and implement a research study that will inform curriculum and/or educational activities to be adopted at both elementary and secondary levels in Salem-Keizer Public Schools.
2. Work collaboratively with representatives from Salem-Keizer and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to create the curriculum and/or educational activities that align with state and district standards, reflect the district's commitment to equity, and include the following content:
  - a. Local Native American history
  - b. Describe the cultural importance of historic sites
  - c. Methods of preserving historic and cultural resources
  - d. Describe the importance of protecting historic and cultural resources
3. The curriculum will equate to a minimum of:
  - a. Five days of instruction at one hour per day for grades 6, 8 and 10
  - b. Four days of instruction at 30 minutes each available for use in grades K-3 and 4, 5 at teacher discretion
4. Curriculum will be ready to implement no later than July 15, 2023.

## Eligibility/Application Requirements:

1. Be currently enrolled (full-time enrollment preferred) in a master's or doctoral degree program in the field of Native American studies, Anthropology, Education, Teaching Arts or related field.
2. In a letter to accompany your proposal (see point 3 below), describe the focus of your studies, how this project relates to your career focus, and describe your interest in relating the field of study to public education.
3. Create a proposal of no more than 1,500 words that includes a description of your research and academic interests, how they relate to the desired outcomes of this project and how you would use the research award funds.
4. Include two letters of recommendation from university professors or faculty.
5. Include a resume and a cover sheet with your full name, degree you are pursuing, phone number, mailing address and email address. Any employment that could present a conflict of interest, such as employment at a school, school district, or education service district, must be declared on your resume.

## Award Amount:

The selected candidate will receive a total award of \$33,000 to complete the work. The award will be paid in equal installments to the selected candidate at the start of each term or semester of enrollment in which work will be performed under this project. The amount of the installment will be determined based upon the selected student's schedule. If the selected student finishes the project early, the balance of the award will be paid once work has been accepted and approved by the review committee.



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Find more information on the district website at [www.salemkeizer.org](http://www.salemkeizer.org).

## Application Deadline and Submission:

The required materials must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 9, 2021

Mail application materials to:

Salem-Keizer Public Schools  
Community Relations & Communications  
Attn: Karma Krause  
Capital Construction Public Engagement Manager  
2450 Lancaster Dr. NE  
Salem, OR 97305

Or email to:

[krause\\_karma@salkeiz.k12.or.us](mailto:krause_karma@salkeiz.k12.or.us)

## Review and Selection Process:

Applications received by the deadline will be reviewed by a selection committee. Interviews may be scheduled with up to three finalists. The selected candidate will be notified through email and phone by a representative of the committee prior to August 15, 2021.

The selected candidate must pass the district's criminal history check and fingerprint screening processes, agree to the application terms and agreement, and sign below.

Any disputes that may arise from the selection process will be resolved by Salem-Keizer School District's Chief Operations Officer.

## Application Terms and Agreement:

By submitting this application, you consent to Salem-Keizer Public Schools/ Salem-Keizer School District's (SKSD) collection of any sensitive personal data contained in your application and submitted materials. This application and supporting information become the property of SKSD once submitted. If you are selected, SKSD may share your information with select SKSD staff members or representatives of The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde who may contact you to offer guidance on the project and to answer any questions you may have. The selected applicant will report quarterly to the project committee on progress of work. If you are selected for the award, you acknowledge that SKSD reserves the right to withdraw the offer if you leave school during the project, if SKSD deems progress of the work is insufficient, learns you have engaged in behavior that indicates a serious lack of integrity or judgement, or that there has been a misrepresentation or material omission in your application materials or violation of any terms of the application process and agreement. You understand the curriculum resulting from this project becomes the exclusive property of SKSD. Your signature below represents your agreement to the terms of this application and instructions and confirmation that all the information you have provided is your own work and to the best of your knowledge, is complete and accurate.

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_