



CHINA HISTORICAL CHRISTIAN DATABASE

Position Available!

Student Research Associate



The China Historical Christian Database quantifies and visualizes the place of Christianity in modern China (1550-1950). It provides users the tools to discover where every Christian church, school, hospital, orphanage, publishing house, and other Christian institutions were located in China, and it documents who worked inside those buildings—both foreigners and Chinese. Collectively, this information creates spatial maps and generates relational networks that reveal where, when, and how Western ideas, technologies, and practices entered China. Simultaneously, it uncovers how and through whom Chinese ideas, technologies, and practices were conveyed to the West. This project breaks new ground in providing quantifiable data about modern Sino-Western relations. This summer, a grant from the Center for Innovation in Social Science makes it possible for two students to work in Boston-area archives to locate and record more data about Christianity in China. Graduate and undergraduate students may both apply. Students will work 225 hours over the summer of 2022. Those hours can be condensed into six weeks or stretched over all 12 weeks. Pay is \$20 an hour.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

- 1 Ability to read and type traditional Chinese characters and transcribe Chinese words into *pinyin*
- 2 Capacity to use spreadsheets to record and sort data
- 3 Creativity in research and problem-solving, especially finding data in archive collections
- 4 Ability to read French is not required, but will be considered a bonus in any application

Application Process: Please submit a CV and a one-page cover letter describing qualifications and interest in the position to Dr. Daryl Ireland (dri@bu.edu) by March 15, 2022.

