Undergraduate Research Opportunity

"From China to the U.S.S.R.: The Return of the "Real" Russians"

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History

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The book I am writing is about the voluntary return of roughly 160,000 Russians to the Soviet Union between 1935 and 1960. I explore why they returned and what their lives were like in the Soviet Union. I also focus on how after the fall of the Soviet Union in 1992, they emerged as a group claiming they were a different type of Russians.

Research assistant’s duties:
About 6,000 repatriated from Shanghai in 1947. I have scans of data on each one of them and would like the assistant to compile tables containing their ethnicity, year of birth, place of birth and profession.

Required skills or qualifications:
Knowledge of the Russian language

Skills student will acquire:
Practical usage of Russian, experience working with archival documents, knowledge about diaspora groups and ethnic return migration.