



## Research Coordinator for Truth and Healing

**Department: Truth and Healing**

**Supervisor: Executive Director for Truth and Healing**

**Job Status: Full-Time**

**Classification: Exempt**

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### MISSION

*The mission of Red Cloud Indian School, Inc. (RCIS), a Catholic institution administered by the Jesuits and the Lakota people, is to develop and grow as a vibrant Church, through an education of the mind and spirit that promotes the values of the Lakota culture.*

*RCIS includes two elementary schools, a high school, The Heritage Center, and ten churches on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in southwestern South Dakota. By integrating both Lakota culture and heritage with spiritual beliefs and practices from the Lakota and Catholic traditions, RCIS aims to educate both the mind and the heart of its students, parishioners, and staff, creating leaders of tomorrow with competence, conscience, and compassion.*

### Job Summary:

The Research Coordinator for Truth and Healing would be responsible for researching the history of Holy Rosary Mission and Our Lady of Lourdes boarding schools, coordinating the digitization of records with partner organizations, and coordinating with individuals and third parties to conduct and collect oral histories from boarders. The researcher would report to the Executive Director for Truth and Healing at Red Cloud. This position would ideally be based in Pine Ridge, SD or Milwaukee, WI, but could potentially work remotely with significant time spent in the archives at Marquette University and multiple trips to Red Cloud each year. This position is a one-year research position with the possibility of extension for an additional two years.

### Duties and Responsibilities:

- Coordinate with the Head of Special Collections to facilitate the digitization of records at Marquette University
- Using secondary and primary resources from the Marquette Archives, the researcher will work to address the following research topics and others as they arise:

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- The relationship between the Jesuits, Chief Red Cloud, and the United States Government in the founding of Holy Rosary Mission
  - The language suppression at Holy Rosary Mission boarding School
  - The life of students at Holy Rosary Mission
  - The number and cause of deaths of students at the boarding schools
  - The policy surrounding forced enrollment and retrieval of runaway students
  - The agency of parents in their children's attendance at HRM
  - Documented allegations of historical sexual abuse
  - The policy/culture shift of the schools in the 1960s
- Coordinate with individuals and third parties to conduct and collect oral history of individual survivors or alumni from the boarding schools at Holy Rosary and Our Lady of Lourdes

**Qualifications:**

- Master's or Ph.D. in 19th or 20th century history, Native American studies, or a related discipline
- Experience working with archival materials, and the ability to read cursive
- Authorized to work in the United States
- Familiarity with Indigenous and boarding school history

**Preferred:**

- Familiarity with Catholic and or Jesuits history and terminology
- Reading knowledge of Latin and/or German

**Physical Requirements:** Ability to sit at a desk and use a personal computer, telephone or other desktop office equipment—60% of work time, walking—30% of work time, bending at the waist and lifting less than 5 lbs.—5% of work time, bending at the waist and lifting 5-15 lbs. 5% of work time.

**Salary:**

\$45,000-\$60,000 + benefits

**To Apply:**

Send completed [application](#) and resume to:  
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