

# SERVICE-LEARNING YELLOW PAGES PLACEMENT SITE

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**Name of Agency:** University of Washington History Department

**Volunteer Site Address:** <https://depts.washington.edu/covenants/volunteer.shtml>

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**Agency Description:** The Racial Restrictive Covenants Project is based in the University of Washington History Department.

**Position Descriptions:**

The Racial Restrictive Covenants Project is dedicated to understanding the history of segregation in Washington State. The project originally began in 2005 as part of the Seattle Civil Rights and Labor History Project but the second iteration of this project started in March 2021 after it was authorized by the state legislature under SHB 1335. In partnership with a research team at Eastern Washington University, we are working to identify and map racial restrictions in property records across the state. These restrictions, known as racial covenants or racially restrictive deeds, were used in most American communities to prevent people who were not white from buying or occupying property. Property owners and developers used racial covenants to create highly segregated cities that reserved areas seen as desirable for white people.

**Days and hours students can serve in this position:**

Service learners will be working on Zooniverse which means this opportunity is completely remote and flexible. Hours will be counted using the number of classifications completed on Zooniverse. 15 classifications will equal one hour of work.

**Minimum time commitment required of volunteers:** TBA

**What qualities, abilities and skills are important to your agency?** This position is best filled by a student that is interested in understanding the history of systemic racism, is self-motivated, works well independently and has strong attention to detail.

**Is volunteer orientation provided?** Yes!

**Is volunteer training provided?** Yes!

**Length of time students should budget for it:** An initial volunteer orientation and volunteer training will take approximately one hour.

**Is on-site supervision provided?** N/A

**Number of Service-Learning position available per quarter:** Unlimited

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