



The Institute for Research and Education to Advance Community Health (IREACH) and the Center for Native American Research and Collaboration Tribal Communities Internship

Request for Applications for the Tribal Communities Internship Program

Potential areas of interest include but are not limited to the following areas. We anticipate most projects will be in the broad arena of public and community health although other topics will also be welcome.

- Cancer
- Cardiovascular disease
- Diabetes, hypertension, and obesity
- Dementia and Alzheimer's disease
- Aging or elder health
- Child and maternal health
- Women's health including reproductive rights
- Environmental health
- Substance and alcohol abuse and behavioral health
- Physical activity, exercise and diet, food sovereignty and food systems
- GIS mapping, place-based health
- Health policy or social program evaluation and implementation
- Health education

Intern Eligibility

To be eligible, applicants must be:

- Enrolled as a junior or senior in a US college or university.
- Enrolled as a post-doctoral fellow or graduate student at any accredited US college or university including all WSU campuses and others nationally.
- Self-identify as American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander **OR** be able to demonstrate a commitment to responsible research with these populations.
- Commit to participating for a minimum of 8-12 weeks.

Key Components

- A research partnership that benefits both the intern and a American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander entity.
- Support from faculty at Washington State University faculty and staff at IREACH, Center for Native American Research and Collaboration, Native American Programs and other departments as needed and appropriate.
- Maximum of \$10,000 can be requested to support the following:
 - Stipends
 - Research support, supplies, and other related costs
 - Travel to research site(s)
 - Awarded funding must be used towards health research

- *Total number of awards depend on the quality and number of applications. A maximum of 4 awards up to \$10,000.

Location

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 internship can be completely virtual or some combination of virtual and in-person meetings.

Two Approaches to Internships

Ongoing Projects

Work with an IREACH or Native Programs faculty member on an ongoing project. We have dozens of ongoing projects, many on the topics listed above. The intern will be linked with a faculty member who will be their primary mentor for the project and help identify, refine, and finalize the project with the intern. Projects may include using existing data, writing a paper or review, doing a “mini” project that enhances the larger study, or may use another approach.

New Projects

Student may partner and collaborate with a tribal partner to design an internship project together. Applicants also may design a research project together with a tribal partner they are already working with as a new project.

Alternatively, applicants may also select from tribal partners who have responded to a call of proposals with a specific interest in their community (note due to this year’s timeline, these will not be available in 2021). Selected interns and tribal partners will be awarded funds to support identified projects from Native Nations, tribal organizations, or tribal communities.

Partners – both urban or rural – must provide a letter of support that identified the health-related field of the research project, and if pertinent, the name of the intern.

Special Consideration

The selection committee will give special consideration to tribes affiliated with Washington State University through its Memorandum of Understanding. These tribes are strongly encouraged to apply or contact the program for more information.

In addition, students enrolled in the Tribal Nation Building Leadership program at Washington State University are strongly encouraged to apply.

This program seeks to build capacity, therefore, an American Indian, Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander applicants are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for Fall 2021 are now open!

We are accepting applications for the Fall 2021 Tribal Communities Internship Program. Our four 8-12-week, full-time, paid summer internship opportunities are open to undergraduate, graduate students, and post-doctoral fellows. The internship will be offered in ensuing years each spring.

You can find the full internship Qualtrics application [HERE](#) to apply. Applicants should review the full application format and components. Full applications are due and will be reviewed **on a rolling basis or until filled**.

SUBMISSION AND CONTACT

All applications received by September 6, 2021 will be reviewed. The complete application along with required documents will be uploaded [HERE](#). For questions on the **application process**, please contact Cheryl Ellenwood (cheryl.ellenwood@wsu.edu)

APPLICATION FORMAT AND COMPONENTS

Format

- Use margins that are a minimum of 0.5 inches.
- Use Arial 11-point font.
- Numeric superscript citations (e.g., JAMA format).
- Use single spacing for all components of the document, including tables.
- Label each section.
- Appendices are not permitted.
- Do not assume reviewers will access hyperlinks.

Submit Completed Applications at

Required Components

- I. Face page (name, position, department, submission date, proposal title, and abstract)
- II. 3-page application will include the following (not including face page)
 - i. Specific aims of project (maximum of one page)
 - ii. Significance and Innovation (maximum of one page)
 - iii. Approach (maximum of one page)
- III. References (no page limit)
- IV. Budget justification (state proposed or desired hourly pay, provide rationale for all expenses) (maximum of one page)
- V. Need for funds. Explain why your **current resources cannot be used**, or are not available, to cover this request.
- VI. CV of the Principal Investigator.

Additional Notes

- Postdocs need to establish they are eligible for funding through an external mechanism to be eligible
- Projects can be located outside of Washington
- Investigators planning to work with rural communities must identify how they are defining "rural" populations in their proposals
- Investigators must demonstrate the immediate potential for external funding to be eligible