

# **Multicultural Affairs: Native American Summer Institute (NASI) Internship**

**In partnership with the Honors College—AY 2021-2022**

## **Our Mission and our Programs:**

Multicultural Affairs' focus is to advocate with, and for, marginalized students to develop a positive sense-of-self, create strong community connections, and *thrive* in all aspects of student life. This mission is accomplished through community, leadership and education.

One example of how we live out our mission is through hosting the annual Native American Summer Institute. The Native American Summer Institute (NASI) is a 6-day residential summer pre-college program designed to introduce Native American high school students from the Wind River Reservation, surrounding communities, and the town of Laramie to a unique experience that gives them an opportunity to experience the UW campus and what this institution has to offer. The participants are exposed to a full college experience by staying in the residence halls, attending academic workshops, and participating in activities on and off campus, as well as Native American cultural activities to promote and support their cultural identity. NASI helps build leadership skills, as well as create new relationships with peers, UW faculty and staff, and current UW Native American college students. NASI builds and maintains partnerships with Native American communities, the UW campus, the city of Laramie, and the wider State of Wyoming. Every year, NASI is seeing tremendous growth with participant applications from the Wind River Reservation and now other tribal communities in the region. With all of our growth, it is vital that we continue to expand and give our native youth an opportunity that can push them towards attaining a higher education degree and pursue their lifetime goals.

## **Internship Position:**

This year, we would like to partner with the University of Wyoming Honors College to provide a meaningful experience for an intern. This position would work closely with the Native American Student Program Advisor and Office Associate who work in the Native American Education, Research, and Cultural Center (NAERCC) . This intern would assist with program logistics as well as coordinating with student team leaders. This position will learn about the intricate ways in which the NAERCC works with the University and the Wind River Reservation.

Working with the NAERCC will deepen an intern's cultural competency, will develop small group facilitation skills, and have a hands-on experience with event coordination. They will work closely with numerous campus partners and develop relationships with a wide range of students, staff, faculty, and community members.

## **Qualifications:**

Students who are interested in or experienced with issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion are encouraged to apply. The ideal candidate will be self-directed and committed to working with a

motivated and energetic team. Time management and strong communication skills are key attributes we are looking for in an ideal intern.

Our team is developmental, encouraging, and dedicated to the growth and success of the person in this role.

**Award:**

This position will be paid through a stipend of \$2,000 at a rate of \$15/hour up to 133 hours. We are flexible with schedules and can make accommodations as needed.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Patricia Rader by September 15, 2021: [prader@uwyo.edu](mailto:prader@uwyo.edu)