NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTE
Michigan State University's Tribal Natural Resource Internship Program
Guidelines for Student Applicants and Student Questionnaire

Deadline for Application: January 27th, 2013

Purpose: this program is being established to provide hands-on professional experience/learning opportunities for MSU students interested in careers in the natural resource and environmental fields (e.g., management, research, education, advocacy, etc.) As part of their career/professional preparation, we hope to provide participating MSU students with opportunities to build hands-on skills and knowledge about natural resource and environmental topics. We also aim to build their knowledge of tribal communities and tribal approaches to natural resource management.

Eligible Applicants: MSU undergraduate students that are currently sophomores or juniors or who are seniors but will be enrolled undergraduate students through at least the 2013 Fall semester. You must be an enrolled undergraduate student at the time of the internship.

Evaluation/Selection Criteria: Student applicants will be evaluated based upon the following criteria:

• Students must show genuine interest in learning about tribal natural resource & environmental management. We are interested in supporting both Native and non-Native students who want to work for tribes and/or have strong working relationships with tribes in their future careers.

• Students should have a strong background in natural resource or environmental science and/or policy. Students studying the social sciences/human dimensions of natural resources, biology and/or ecology, natural resource economics, natural resource management and related fields are particularly encouraged to apply.

Other Considerations: selected students will receive a monthly stipend to cover living expenses and housing ($350/week plus housing). Representatives from the Native American Institute will work with internship host organizations and selected students to secure housing accommodations. Possible housing scenarios could include apartment, field/biological station lodging, dormitory or living with a host family. Students are responsible for their own transportation. Appropriate accommodations will be made for students living with disabilities.

Please send resume and applicant questionnaire (preferably by email) to:

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If you have any questions, email us or call 517-353-6632
APPLICANT QUESTIONNAIRE

Instructions: Please fill in responses to all listed questions using the provided text boxes. Save document, rename it to include your last name (e.g., tribal_internship_application_Martin.doc) and email to nai@msu.edu OR print and mail/hand deliver to our offices.

1. Student Name: [ ]

2. Name of Department/Program of Study: [ ]

3. Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) at MSU: [ ]

4. Student Contact Information (Campus email/phone/address): [ ]

5. Are you an enrolled citizen or documented descendant of a federally-recognized or non-recognized Indian tribe/first nation (YES or NO)? [ ]

6. If you answered yes to Question 5, what is the official name of your tribe or first nation? [ ]

7. Describe your future academic and career goals (250 words or less): [ ]

8. Describe the elements of natural resource management, science and/or policy that most interest you and the skills you are most interested in gaining through an internship. Be as specific as possible (150 words or less- Responses to this question will be relied upon heavily to identify intern-internship host matches): [ ]

9. Please describe why the MSU Tribal Natural Resource Internship would be important to you and your future career (250 words or less): [ ]

10. List the 5 college-level courses that you have taken that you feel have best prepared you for this internship (include the grades you received in these classes): [ ]

11. Please list 3 references. Include names, titles (position and organization), relationship to you and contact information (phone + email): [ ]