Engaging Native American Students in Natural Resource Education and Career Paths

The Natural Resource Science and Management graduate program at the University of Minnesota, in partnership with the National Park Service, is sponsoring a fellowship to support a graduate student in research and outreach with American Indian tribes in Minnesota and western Wisconsin. Specifically, the fellow will facilitate community and student engagement in natural resource management through education and professional development. The fellowship will be awarded to first-year graduate students from traditionally underrepresented cultural groups, with preference given to Native American applicants.

The aim of the fellowship is to broaden outreach efforts to tribal communities throughout the region and to deepen engagement, specifically with tribal youth, around natural resource education and career opportunities. The fellow will be expected to travel to meet stakeholders in tribal communities and National Park Service units (including Grand Portage National Monument and Apostle Islands National Lakeshore).

2018-2019 Fellowship Focus:
The purpose of the fellowship is to:

- Increase enrollment of Native American students in Minnesota and Wisconsin in natural resource higher education programs and employment.
- Support a graduate student with strong interests in pursuing a career in natural resources science and management;
- Increase awareness in tribal communities of the opportunities and programs available for higher education and careers in natural resources.

The Award:
The fellowship provides:

- One year (12 months) of a stipend and subsidized health insurance (up to $32,000), and tuition for two semesters (up to $15,000)
- $2000 for professional development (attending professional conference, training course, or workshops)
- $500 for travel to local meetings

Application Process:
Applications for 2017-18 must be received by close of business on December 16, 2017. Application materials can be found at: https://www.nrsm.umn.edu/prospective-students/admission-requirements