

Corporation for National and Community Service
Position Description
Native American Affairs Intern

Indian Tribes and organizations that support Native American communities have been successfully drawing upon national service resources to meet family and community needs for more than 40 years. The Corporation for National and Community Service through its Senior Corps, AmeriCorps State and National, AmeriCorps VISTA, AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), and Learn and Serve America has a long-standing commitment to working with tribal nations on a government-to-government basis and is committed to enhancing the collaboration process across all programs to address critical issues affecting Native American communities.

The programs of CNCS are committed to supporting the culture of service that has existed in Native American communities for generations. Our programs address critical issues of concern to Native American communities, including assisting elders, veterans, cultural preservation, economic development, health and wellness, youth leadership, educational attainment, clean energy, and traditional language and land preservation

Intern will work directly with Ron Lessard, Strategic Advisor of Native American Affairs for the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). The intern will gain first hand knowledge through formal and informal training, including an understanding of key concepts, concerns, historical background, and the legal and cultural frameworks that shape the unique relationship the Federal government has with Indian Tribes including the fundamental principles and laws relevant to working with Tribal nations on a government-to-government basis. The intern will also gain sensitivities to cross-cultural communication.

The intern will accompany the Strategic Advisor to Senate Committee on Indian Affairs hearings and the Interagency Working Group on Indian Affairs meetings. This group is made up of Senior Tribal Liaisons from several government agencies. These external meetings will give the intern the opportunity to be involved in learning first hand about the critical issues facing Indian Country.

In addition the intern will assist with the projects that include assisting in the development of the CNCS Native American Strategic Plan, the *Let's Move! In Indian Country Campaign* and developing content for the Native American section of the CNCS website.

Internships are available year-round. Please send your resume and cover letter to Ron Lessard, Strategic Advisor for Native American Affairs: rlessard@cns.gov.