



COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

INTERNSHIP TITLE: Laying the Foundation of a Sustainable Indigenous Food System Fall Interns

MENTORS: Sustainability Education Coordinator and Sustainable Agriculture Faculty

LOCATION: College of Menominee Nation – Keshena Campus

TERM: 24 August 2020 – 11 December 2020 (16 weeks)

APPLICATION DUE: 4 September 2020

Internship Summary and Description

These three positions are part of a team of interns working under safely distanced conditions. Work and educational opportunities will be part-time (20 hrs weekly) to support our ongoing agricultural research and outreach efforts. CMN's Sustainable Development Institute began working to develop an understanding of ancient Menominee agricultural practices three years ago. The project was inspired by the findings of Dr. Overstreet and other archeologists, who have identified numerous ancient agricultural fields and food storage areas on the Menominee Reservation and in the forests of northern Wisconsin. These sites are known for acres of raised beds where crops like corn, sunflower, and squash were grown. With renewed funding, our project continues to build an understanding of the effects of different natural soil amendments on soil function and crop responses so we can better understand historic Menominee cropping practices. We are also laying the groundwork to understand the value of forming raised beds, finding the best-adapted varieties of crops, and restoring knowledge of this historic farming system to Indigenous and other peoples of our region. There will be a mix of outdoor and indoor activities, including crop management, data collection, computer work, and outreach to the public.

Internship Learning Objectives and Responsibilities

- *Participate in orientation and team building activities to facilitate learning and growing together.*
- *Take part in online, classroom, and on-site training to increase knowledge of Indigenous cropping systems, Indigenous food culture, experimental design, data analysis, and more.*
- *Work within a team to carry out project-related tasks, especially crop management, data collection, and public outreach (demonstrations, presentations, online content).*
- *Present an overview of your internship experience to CMN and the broader Community.*
- *Prepare and deliver a presentation to the FALCON Conference in October.*

Program Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be registered or currently enrolled in six (6) or more credits
- Must be a degree-seeking student enrolled at the College of Menominee Nation or other accredited College or University. (Certain documentation may be required to confirm enrollment status.)
- Must have completed at least one (1) semester of study
- Student must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale.
- Internship must be related to students' academic degree program.

Application Procedures:

Internship Program Application requires the following:

- Application Form



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- Current Resume (Include any past internship experience)
- Transcripts and/or Grades (unofficial or official)
- Letter of Interest
- Letter of Recommendation (preferably a professor at his/her institution)

Submit all information to College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute located at N172 State Highway 47/55, PO Box 1179 Keshena, WI 54135 no later than close of business (4:30PM) on 4 September 2020, attention Desirae Wilber, or email application materials to sdi@menominee.edu.

If you have questions about the position, please contact Frank Kutka at fkutka@menominee.edu or 920-495-0503.

Timeframe and Stipend (if applicable):

These agricultural internships are scheduled to begin as soon as possible and to run through 11 December. Interns are supported via a stipend, which is equivalent to an hourly rate of \$12 per hour. During the fall semester, in preparation for and attendance at the FALCON Conference in October, it is requested that the intern's activities not conflict with their academic schedule. The internship may be extended or hours adjusted based on student availability, interest, funding, and need.