Call for American Indian/Alaska Native Student Interns - Summer 2015

Each summer the Sequoyah National Research Center (SNRC) hosts three tribally affiliated student interns for the period of June 1 through July 31. Interns work at least 25 hours per week in the Center doing basic archival and research work under the direction of Center staff.

The SNRC at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR) houses the papers and special collections of tribal individuals and organizations, the world's largest archival collection of newspapers and other periodicals published by tribal individuals and organizations, and the Dr. J. W. Wiggins Collection of Native American Art, consisting of more than 2,500 artworks.

The goal of the Native American Student Internship Program is to provide students an experiential learning environment in which to acquire an understanding of the value of archives and the research potential of the collections of the Center and to engage in academic research and practical archival activities related to tribal culture, society, and issues. Interns are expected to demonstrate the value of their experience by either a summary report of work, finding aids for collections, or reports of research or other written work that may be shared with their home institutions.

To qualify for an internship, students must

- Be tribally affiliated
- Have completed at least 60 college hours
- Be in good standing at their home institutions of higher learning.

To apply, student must send

- An unofficial copy of the student's academic transcript
- A recommendation letter from the head of the student's major department or from another relevant academic official
- A personal statement of no more than one page expressing why the intern experience would be beneficial to the student's academic or career goals.

To assist the student in meeting expenses during the two-month tenure of the internship, the Center provides on-campus housing and $2,000 to defray other living expenses. Students interested in applying for internships for June 1 through July 31, 2015, should send applications or inquiries by e-mail to Daniel F. Littlefield at dflittlefield@ualr.edu, Robert E. Sanderson at resanderson@ualr.edu, or Erin H. Fehr at ehfehr@ualr.edu or by mail to Sequoyah National Research Center, 2801 S. University Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72204. Applications are due by March 15, 2015. The Center will select three applicants and three alternates. The Center staff will notify students of their decision by April 1.

For information regarding UALR and its guest housing facilities, see ualr.edu/housing. For information on the SNRC and its work, see ualr.edu/sequoyah.