

NCAI Fellowship and Internship Application

Internships: NCAI offers internships for students who are currently enrolled in an institution of higher learning. Internships are usually for the length of a semester or summer session. Internships are unpaid, but many schools will offer college credit, and some tribes may be willing to sponsor NCAI interns from their tribe. NCAI will be glad to provide information to your school or tribe to assist in securing credit or financial support for your internship.

Fellowships: We offer 11-month fellowships beginning at set times throughout the year. Fellowships are for individuals with an undergraduate or graduate degree. NCAI fellows serve as paid staff of NCAI during their fellowship.

If you have any questions or concerns about this application, please feel free to contact Peter Morris at NCAI (pmorris@ncai.org)

TIMELINE

2014 Fellowship Applications will be accepted until March 17, with decisions made no later than April 21.

Summer 2014 Internship Applications will be accepted until March 31 with decisions made no later than April 30.

Fall 2014 Internship Applications will be accepted until June 23 with decisions made no later than July 11.

BEFORE PROCEEDING

All candidates are asked to submit two (2) 500 word writing pieces. You will likely want to prepare those pieces before beginning your application.

The first is focused on your reason for working at NCAI, the second asks you to address an issue facing Indian Country.

Question 1. Please answer the following questions, limiting your response to a maximum of 500 words:

- Why are you interested in working with NCAI?
- What do you hope to gain from the intern/fellowship experience?
- How does the intern/fellowship experience relate to any long-range plans you may have? And,
- What special skills or experience you feel you would bring to NCAI?

Question 2. Address ONE (1) of the following questions, using up to 500 words:

- a. What are the most promising strategies to build a bright future for Native youth?
- b. What are the most significant challenges and opportunities related to tribal economic development?
- c. Many Americans do not understand tribal nations and Native peoples. How can Indian Country effectively address this challenge?
- d. Where has Indian Country seen the most significant progress in the last five years? What areas need more attention in the next five years?
- e. Reflecting on NCAI's history and current work, why do you think an organization like NCAI is necessary and important?

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Contact Information and Application Details

1. Name *

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2. Tribe(s) *

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3. Email *

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4. Phone *

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5. Address *

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6. City *

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7. Zip *

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8. Please select the term/s you would like to apply for *

Check all that apply.

☐ Wilma Mankiller Fellowship 2014-15

☐ Summer internship

☐ Fall internship

☐ Other:

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Experience and Background

9. What previous experience have you had with American Indian and Alaska Native issues? *

Please provide a description of work and other experience with Native communities.

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10. What area/s of NCAI's work are most interesting to you? *

Feel free to identify more than one area

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Legislative advocacy
- ☐ Legal
- ☐ Policy research
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Events
- ☐ Development
- ☐ Other:

11. Please describe any relevant skills or experience you have to contribute to NCAI's work in your areas of interest. *

Use this area to describe skills/experiences and to indicate any preference for a particular area of work.

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Focus Areas of Interest & Relevant Experience

12. **Please indicate your interest in the following focus areas of NCAI's work ***

We encourage honest answers! These categories allow you to identify your interests and experience in areas of NCAI's existing priority work.

Mark *only one oval per row*.

	Very Interested	Somewhat Interested	Not Very Interested	Not Interested At All
Natural resources & agriculture	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Economic development	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Law enforcement/public safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Indian lands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Cultural protection	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Healthcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth issues	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Native Vote	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Climate change	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infrastructure (eg telecomm, technology, transportation, housing)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Taxation	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Intergovernmental relations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Tribal homeland security	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Water	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

13. **Please describe any relevant skills or experience you have to contribute to NCAI's work in the areas of focus identified above ***

Use this area to describe skills/experiences and to indicate any preference for a particular focus area.

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References

Please provide contact information for three (3) references who can offer a good assessment of your work abilities. These may include professors or instructors, employers, tribal leaders, or personal references. For each, list her/his name, email address, telephone number, and relationship to you.

14. **First Reference Name ***

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15. **Title & organization ***

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16. **Relationship to you ***

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17. **Email ***

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18. **Telephone number ***

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19. **Second Reference Name ***

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20. **Title & organization ***

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21. **Relationship to you ***

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22. **Email ***

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23. **Telephone number ***

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24. **Third Reference Name ***

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25. Title & organization *

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26. Relationship to you *

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27. Email *

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28. Telephone number *

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Writing Assignments

Candidates are asked to submit two (2) 500 word writing pieces. The first is focused on your reason for working at NCAI, the second asks you to address an issue facing Indian Country.

29. Question 1 *

Please answer the following questions, limiting your response to a maximum of 500 words: (1) Why are you interested in working with NCAI? (2) What do you hope to gain from the intern/fellowship experience? (3) How does the intern/fellowship experience relate to any long-range plans you may have? And, (4) What special skills or experience you feel you would bring to NCAI?

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30. Question 2 *

Address ONE (1) of the following questions, using up to 500 words: (a) What are the most promising strategies to build a bright future for Native youth? (b) What are the most significant challenges and opportunities related to tribal economic development? (c) Many Americans do not understand tribal nations and Native peoples. How can Indian Country effectively address this challenge? (d) Where has Indian Country seen the most significant progress in the last five years? What areas need more attention in the next five years? (e) Reflecting on NCAI's history and current work, why do you think an organization like NCAI is necessary and important?

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