



Native American Research Internship

May 28 – August 2, 2019

APPLICATION FORM

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Program Overview

The Native American Research Internship (NARI) is a 10 week summer research internship for junior and senior undergraduate students interested in the biomedical and health sciences. NARI is funded by three National Institutes of Health grants – NIDDK, NHLBI and NIMHD. Interns are paired with a University of Utah faculty member who serves as a research mentor. Community, Cultural, and Academic mentors – Native American faculty and staff at the University of Utah – support the intern’s career goals and cultural background and identity throughout the summer. NARI interns engage in community outreach activities with the Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake. NARI interns also attend a national conference, which focuses on current research and health disparities in Indian Country. Each NARI position is considered employment. Completion of required work hours and assignments are necessary to receive payment. Depending on the funding source, NARI interns receive up to \$5,500 for completion of all required summer activities. Payment schedules differ based on the funding source.

Program Eligibility Criteria

1. Must be a U.S. citizen. *We particularly encourage applications from Native American / Alaska Native undergraduate students*
 2. Must have finished first two years at an accredited four-year university or have transferred from a two-year college and been accepted into a four-year university
 3. Must have a strong interest in American Indian/Alaska Native health issues, diabetes and kidney disease, minority health and disparities, and/or heart, lung, blood research
 4. Must be available to work 40 hours per week Monday through Friday for a 10-week period, beginning May 28th through August 2nd
 5. If interested in clinical mentorship (shadowing); the following must be completed before internship starts, Tuberculosis screening, Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella, Tdap, Varicella (Chickenpox), and Hepatitis B. We encourage you to seek your academic institution's student clinics.
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INSTRUCTIONS: Please submit completed application package by **February 22, 2019**

1. **Application Form:** Completely filled out
2. **Personal Statement:** A one page single space statement addressing:
 1. Why you are interested in participating in this research program
 2. Describe any past research experience and your future plans
 3. How this research program will help you reach your future goals
 4. How you have demonstrated an interest in American Indian/Alaska Native health issues
3. **One Letter of Recommendation:** The letter of recommendation must be from a college professor, research lab supervisor or academic advisor. Additional letters of recommendation from previous employers, tribal elders, or additional professors are encouraged but not required.
4. **Academic Transcript(s):** A current copy of your official academic transcript(s)

Application materials must be postmarked by no later than **February 22, 2019**.

Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee during the month of February.

Potential applicants will be contacted for a phone interview during the month of March.

Applicants will be informed via email by **March 20, 2019** of the selection committee's decision.

Send complete application package to:

Scott Willie

Native American Research Internship

University of Utah

Department of Pediatrics

PO Box 581289

Salt Lake City, UT 84158

Or

Email complete application package to

Email: Scott.willie@hsc.utah.edu Phone: 801-213-4116 Fax: 801-581-3899

Website: medicine.utah.edu/pediatrics/research_education/native_american

NARI Internet Presentation: prezi.com/user/NARI/

Send Completed Application to: Scott Willie - Department of Pediatrics, PO BOX 581289 – Salt Lake City, UT 84158

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Name: _____ Preferred Name: _____

Social Security Number (last 4 digits only): XXX-XX-_____ Birth Date: _____ (mm/dd/yy)

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone (if different): _____

Email: _____

Tribal Affiliation: _____

Do you have a bachelor's degree or its equivalent?

If yes: Degree _____ Graduation Date: _____

Institution that awarded degree: _____

If no: Current University/College: _____

Current Major: _____ Currently a Junior or Senior? _____

Expected Graduation date: _____ Current Accumulated GPA: _____

Science courses taken and passed (please indicate if there is a lab associated with the class):

Please list any leadership positions or programs you have been or are currently involved with:

Please list any extracurricular activities (including groups you belong to), hobbies, or awards:

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Academic Interest (please check all that apply):

- Medical School
 - Other Professional School
 - Dental School
 - Podiatry School
 - Law School
 - Nursing School
 - Other (Please specify): _____
 - Interested in Clinical Shadowing (What areas): _____
- Graduate School
(Please specify): _____
 - Post-Baccalaureate
 - I am not sure at this time
 - Full-Time Employment

How did you hear about the NARI program? _____

Application check list:

- Letter of Recommendation From:
Name _____ Position _____
Email Address _____
- Personal Statement (1 page single space type written)
- Official Academic Transcript(s)

Agreement

I certify that the information provided on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any transcripts of credits that I provide may be reviewed by program selection committee members. I further understand that if I am accepted into the NARI program I commit to the following (Please check each statement):

- Attend all NARI sponsored activities (Beginning Summer 2019)
- Work 40 hours per week for the entire internship
- Complete a University of Utah background check
- Complete HIPAA and CITI training
- Submit a travel scholarship and attend a national conference during the NARI 2019 summer program
- Participate in community outreach activities with the Urban Indian Center of Salt Lake
- Prepare and present a scientific poster and power point presentation on research project
- Submit a research abstract and apply for a travel scholarship to the SACNAS National Conference

Do you know of any planned absences during the course of the internship or conflicts with the above agreement? If yes, please explain:

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____