STUDENT INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

INTERNSHIP TITLE: Agricultural Research Specialist
MENTOR: SDI Staff Personnel
LOCATION: Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation - Keshena Campus

INTERNSHIP SUMMARY:
The student internship is being offered through the Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) of the College of Menominee Nation (CMN), funded through USDA – NIFA. The project is titled “Evaluating Traditional Gardening Practices”. This project is designed to enhance the research skills of CMN faculty, SDI staff, and students. The intern would study how to design and conduct agricultural research, and promote cultural-based science education to Menominee Youth.

INTERNSHIP DESCRIPTION:
• Work with select CMN faculty, the UW-Extension, UW-Madison, and SDI staff to design and conduct agricultural research.
• Review and become familiar with past Menominee agricultural practices.
• Gather agricultural input from Menominee Historic Preservation.
• Assist in establishing long-term agricultural research plots at SDI.
• Help to maintain the garden research plots through soil preparation, planting, tilling, and harvesting.
• Monitor the plots throughout the growing season by conducting soil tests and recording data.
• Collect field data as determined by the research plan.
• Assist in the development of future workshops.
• Assist the Sustainability Leadership Cohort students in agriculture projects.
• Attend appropriate workshops (One of the workshops is at UW-Madison, transportation will be provided).
• Attend SDI meetings as it applies to the project or internship.
• Develop and present an overview of internship experience to CMN Community.
• Perform other job-related duties as assigned.

Program Requirements/Qualifications:
• Must be at least a three-quarter time (9-11 credits) degree seeking student enrolled at the College of Menominee Nation or other accredited College or University.
• Student must be 18 years of age or older.
• Must have completed one semester of his/her studies.
• Must be willing to travel if required.
• Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale.
• Ability to communicate effectively in person, on the phone, and in writing for a variety of audiences.
• Ability to keep accurate, complete and timely work records.
• Commitment to working with diverse audiences.
• Ability to use Microsoft Office software and the Internet.
• Computer proficiency and learning aptitude will be considered.
Application Procedures:
Submit all of the following information to College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute no later than close of business (4:30PM) on March 1, 2017, attention Cynthia Norton, or email application material to sdi@menominee.edu. No late or incomplete applications will be accepted.

- Copy of (unofficial or official) Transcripts
- Copy of proof of acceptance or enrollment for current semester
- A completed application form
- Resume (to include any current and past internship experience)
- Letter of Interest
- Signed Letter of Recommendation (preferably a professor at his/her educational institution)

If you have questions about the position, please contact Rebecca Edler at 715-799-6226 ext. 3040 or at redler@menominee.edu.

Timeframe and Salary:
The internship is scheduled to begin mid-April, 2017 and run through the 2017 FA semester. During the summer the internship is expected to be at 40 hours per week. Internships are paid via stipend, and are equivalent to an hourly rate of $10.00 per hour. The internship may be extended or hours adjusted based on student availability, interest, and funding.