



SC Commission for Minority Affairs

Native American Indian Emerging Professionals Internship

What is the SC Commission for Minority Affairs (CMA)?



Established by SC Legislature in 1993, the CMA is dedicated to addressing issues of poverty and socio-economic deprivation for the racial and ethnic minority populations of SC through research, policies and programs that will help eliminate disparities

What is the Native American Indian Emerging Professionals Internship Program (NAIEPIP)?

The CMA has designed the NAIEPIP program to support the future Native American Indian professionals through internship and mentorship opportunities. As part of NAIEPIP, CMA will support the placement of Native American Indian Emerging Professionals (students enrolled in higher education studies) to assist preparing individuals for careers in government, non-profit, tribal, policy, social determinants, anthropology, research and business. These students will have the opportunity to develop research projects, assist with high level policy work, planning and outreach efforts with local tribal communities.

For more information on the program or to apply, please email Marcy L. Hayden, CMA-Native American Affairs:

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Overview of NAIEPIP Program

- ▶ **Who qualifies?** Students enrolled in higher education with an interest in a career in government, non-profit, tribal, policy, social determinants, anthropology, health disparities, research and business. As part of the experience, the Intern will have to complete a research project and present on the outcomes of their project. Native American Indian students are preferred, but all students are welcome to apply.
- ▶ **What is required to apply?** Students should submit a letter stating why they would like to be in the NAIEPIP program and what their professional goals are in addition to their school, major, and program focus. Students are also required to submit a resume or CV and a letter of support from their tribal community, school, or job. During the application process, students must identify a research project related to South Carolina and/or National Native American Indian Affairs. The Native American Affairs Coordinator will serve as a mentor to the Intern.
- ▶ **When does the opportunity take place?** Placements will take place starting in Fall 2017. Placements are also available in Spring and Summer of 2018. Only two students will be selected for each placement.
- ▶ **How long is the placement?** Each placement will vary, but most students should expect to spend an average of 6-12 weeks as an intern. Interns are expected to work between 10-20 hours a week.
- ▶ **Is this a paid placement?** No, but a stipend may be available during the placement if funding is available.
- ▶ **Where is the internship located?** The NAIEPIP is housed at the SC Commission for Minority Affairs office at 2221 Devine Street, Columbia, SC. Students are not required to work at the office location for the duration of the internship, but must be available to work at the office or events as scheduled with mentor. Additionally, interns may arrange to work from a location such as a tribal office or business during their internship. The Native American Affairs Coordinator will assist with the logistics.