POSITION TITLE: Indigenous Agriculture Research Participants (Several)
MENTORS: Sustainability Education Coordinator, Field Coordinator, and Sustainable Agriculture Faculty
LOCATION: College of Menominee Nation – Keshena Campus
TERM: 24 May – October 29
APPLICATION DUE: As soon as possible, accepted until filled.

Participant Summary and Description

CMN’s Sustainable Development Institute began working to develop an understanding of historic Menominee agricultural practices several years ago. The project was inspired by the findings of Dr. Overstreet and other archeologists, who have identified numerous ancient agricultural fields and food storage areas in the forests of northern Wisconsin. These sites are known for acres of raised beds where crops like corn, sunflower, and squash were grown centuries ago. We are continuing our work to build an understanding of these ancient raised bed systems by 1) continuing research on natural soil amendments, 2) screening varieties of crops for potential local adaptation, 3) beginning research on the value of forming raised beds, and 4) establishing a crop production field for the college and the Menominee community. This year we also have a small project to establish some additional fruit trees at SDI. Participants will take part in a mix of outdoor and indoor activities, and the work will ideally be full time through the summer, and part time in the fall as funding allows. All participants will make presentations about what they have learned through their work at our summer Report Out event on 6 August.

Participant Learning Objectives and Responsibilities

- Participate in orientation and team building activities to facilitate learning and growing together, including attendance at IPSI.
- Take part in classroom and on-site training to increase knowledge of Indigenous cropping systems, Indigenous food culture, experimental design, data analysis, equipment safety, and more.
- With help of a mentor, establish a work plan to achieve your goals and to provide project deliverables.
- Work within a team to complete a body of work to forward our research and outreach agenda.
- Apply your knowledge as you carry out project-related tasks, especially crop management, data collection, and public outreach.
- Present an overview of your experience to CMN and the broader Community on 6 August.
- Get along with others and have fun learning about Indigenous agriculture!

Program Requirements/Qualifications:
- Must be 18 years of age or older
- Demonstrated interests in food and agriculture are especially desired
- Experience growing a garden is desired, but we will train

Application Procedures:
Participant Application requires the following:
- SDI Application Form
Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled. Submit all information to Desirae Wilber, College of Menominee Nation Sustainable Development Institute, N172 State Highway 47/55, PO Box 1179 Keshena, WI 54135, as soon as possible. You may also email application materials to sdi@menominee.edu.

If you have questions about the position, please contact Frank Kutka at fkutka@menominee.edu or 920-495-0503.

**Timeframe and Stipend:**
Participant positions will run through the summer and fall as participants are available, and participants will receive stipends at the equivalent of $14/hr. Participant opportunities may be extended or hours adjusted based on participant availability, interest, and funding.