Internship Title: Indigenous Agriculture Research Interns (3 total)
MENTORS: Sustainability Education Coordinator, Field Research Coordinator, and Sustainable Agriculture Faculty
LOCATION: College of Menominee Nation – Keshena Campus
TERM: 2021 FA Semester
APPLICATION DUE: August 31 or until filled.

Internship Summary and Description

This project is funded through an USDA-NIFA grant and is 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. 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 community.

Interns will take part in a mix of outdoor and indoor activities. Interns will have the opportunity to attend the FALCON Conference in October.

Internship 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 learning 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, seed saving, and public outreach.
- Prepare and deliver a presentation to the FALCON Conference in October (optional).
- Get along with others and have fun!

Program Requirements/Qualifications:

- Must be registered or currently enrolled in six (6) or more credits
- Must be a degree-seeking student enrolled at the College of Menominee Nation or other accredited College or University. (Certain documentation may be required to confirm enrollment status.)
- Must have completed at least one (1) semester of study
- Student must be 18 years of age or older
- Must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better on a 4.0 scale
- Internship must be related in an obvious way to students’ academic degree program
- Demonstrated interests in food and agriculture are especially desired

Application Procedures:
Internship Program Application requires the following:
Applications will be due by August 31, but will be considered until the positions are filled. Submit all information to Sustainable Development Institute, College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47/55, PO Box 1179 Keshena, WI 54135, preferably by the close of business (4:30PM) on 31 August 2021. You may also email application materials to sdi@menominee.edu. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

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

Timeframe and Stipend (if applicable):
The FA internships is scheduled to begin in August and run through December. Each intern can receive a stipend of up to $4800 (Equivalent to $300 per week depending on progress towards and achievement of work goals. During the semester, it is requested that the internship schedule not conflict with each student’s academic schedule. The internship may be extended or hours adjusted based on student availability, interest, and funding.