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UW-Madison Student Hourly Manoomin Education and Outreach Position with the Wisconsin Sea Grant Office

The Position is intended for Native American students that are affiliated with a tribe within Wisconsin. For example:

- Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Brothertown Indian Nation
- Forest County Potawatomi
- Ho-Chunk Nation
- Lac Courte Orielles
- Lac du Flambeau
- Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin
- Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
- Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
- Sokaogon Chippewa - Mole Lake Band
- St. Croix Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin
- Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohican Indians

Project Overview

As part of the NOAA, “Manoomin Education and Outreach Toolkit for Lake Superior Audiences” Project, the Wisconsin Sea Grant Team intends to develop and disseminate educational materials that exemplify the economic, ecological and cultural significance of manoomin (wild rice). The fellowship will involve working closely with the Sea Grant offices of Michigan and Minnesota, as well as representatives of Native American communities. Specific materials will be determined by project partners, but may include brochures, posters, and other materials that (1) exemplify the cultural and regional significance of manoomin, (2) identify methods to reduce impacts that impede the production and harvesting of manoomin, and (3) increase awareness of its cultural, ecological and nutritional value among target audiences.

This may include the development of (1) a state and regional network that develops capacity for future partnerships and projects concerning manoomin; (2) educational resources that increase awareness of manoomin; and (3) a central database that provides direct access to resources, such as scholarly journals, fact sheets, and other resources that demonstrate the cultural, regional and ecological significance of manoomin.

Compensation and Appointment

The candidate selected for this position will be expected to work approximately 15-20 hours per month over 7 months (until May 2018) and will receive bi-weekly payroll direct deposits based on the number of hours worked. The hourly rate will be in the range of \$13.00 - \$15.00 per hour based upon qualifications. There may also be an opportunity to extend the appointment for the duration of the project, which concludes May 2020.

The student's primary responsibility will be to serve as a liaison and "on the ground" project partner who will participate in place-based activities and meetings related to manoomin among Wisconsin's Native American communities and other project partners. Specific tasks and duties will vary, but will likely include regular (ex: 2-3x/month) remote and in-person meetings, community outreach and education, contribution to the development of educational materials, and the management and development of an informational database to organize diverse materials on manoomin (ex: scholarly articles, outreach materials, data) and ensure they are appropriate for distinct audiences.

Required Qualifications

Student must be enrolled at an academic institution as either a graduate or undergraduate student for both the Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters. The student will need to submit proof of enrollment in the form of a copy of current registration and course schedule, current tuition payment receipt, or online verification.

Excellent written and oral communication skills.

Ability to work independently with limited supervision.

Ability to complete projects in a timely manner, follow instructions, and demonstrate initiative.

Ability to effectively participate in conference calls or group settings working with partners from different sectors, organizations, and geographic regions.

Willingness to organize and facilitate discussions with multiple stakeholders across the Great Lakes region to gather information about the challenges, opportunities and needs related to manoomin.

Preferred Qualifications

Familiarity with technology used in group collaboration preferred (ex: Google Drive, Google Hangout, Skype, WebEx).

Experience with mapping and design software (ex: ArcGIS, Adobe InDesign, Illustrator and/or Photoshop) is a plus.

Knowledge of and experience with collecting, analyzing and preparing summative reports on data gathered from varied sources.

Experience working with Native American communities of Wisconsin.

An understanding of the historical and contemporary challenges facing Native Americans in Wisconsin, including the restoration and conservation of traditional food systems and resources, such as manoomin.

Deadline to apply:

5:00PM CST, Wednesday, November 14, 2018.

How to apply:

Send .pdf files of a resume and cover letter explaining your interest and qualifications specific to this position to Dr. Deidre Peroff at dperoff@aquawisc.edu AND Jimmy T. Camacho at jtcamacho@wisc.edu with the subject line "Manoomin Position". Please also include the names and contact information for three references and list their relationship to you.