2015 Summer and Fall Ogallala Commons Community Internship
First Nations Development Institute in Longmont, Colorado

First Nations Development Institute (www.firstnations.org) is a Native American economic development organization with the mission to assist Native communities in controlling their assets and in building capacity to direct their economic future. In partnership with Ogallala Commons (www.ogallalacommons.org), a Great Plains education and leadership organization, we are creating an internship to provide a college student with skill building, career exploration, and work experience within a Native American non-profit or tribal program. Internship opportunity available at First Nations office in Longmont, CO.

Intern Responsibilities include:

- Execution of a work plan
- Research
- Community education outreach
- Data collection
- Literature reviews and reading assignments
- Compiling case studies and impact summaries
- Travel coordination
- Event planning
- Project development and implementation (supervised)
- Administration and filing

Qualifications – A candidate for these internships must have:

- Native American preference
- An interest in policy research and issues that affect Indigenous peoples
- Excellent writing and communication skills
- Strong computer skills
- Be currently pursuing a degree on a full-time basis as either a junior, senior, or graduate student at the time the internship begins
- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale)

Students in the following fields of study are preferred:

- Native American Studies
- Agriculture and/or Permaculture
- Nursing
The summer internship will be structured for 230 total hours during an 8-9 week period from June 1-Aug. 1, 2015. The fall internship will be structured for 230 total hours during an 8-9 week period from August 24 – November 30, 2015. The stipend payment for each internship period will be $2,100-$2,400.

As a participant in Ogallala Commons Community Internship Program, the intern must also meet the following requirements (non-stipend time):
• With supervisor, craft a Work Plan
• Attend an Orientation Retreat with Ogallala Commons
• Create and publish 4 Internet blog postings with 10 photos during internship
• Do 10 hours of Community Service during internship period
• Prepare Internship Portfolio and a Harvesting Ceremony
• Evaluation of the internship, as well as receive an evaluation from supervisor

To apply for this internship: make an online application at: http://ogallalacommons.org/get-involved/apply-for-an-internship/
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