



# COLLEGE OF MENOMINEE NATION SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

**INTERNSHIP TITLE:** Phenology & Edible Plant Intern

**MENTORS:** Survey of Edible Plants Technician, SDI Director, Sustainable Agriculture Faculty

**LOCATION:** College of Menominee Nation – Keshena Campus – Sustainable Development Institute

**TERM:** This internship is approximately 8 weeks in the spring semester beginning 15 March, 10 weeks in the summer beginning 28 May, and 8 weeks in the fall semester beginning 16 August.

**APPLICATION DUE:** February 26, 2021. Applications may be considered after the due date if positions have not been filled.

## Internship Summary and Description

The student internship is being offered through the Sustainable Development Institute (SDI) of the College of Menominee Nation (CMN), funded through two USDA – NIFA grants. This internship incorporates components of forest plant phenology along with Ecological Data Collection. The intern will be part of a team that will observe and record phenology data in three forest monitoring plots. In addition, this intern will work with a student researcher to survey and catalogue wild edible plants available on the Menominee reservation to increase our understanding of important Indigenous food plants, their cultural significance, and their ecological relationships. The student will accompany the researcher in the field and take observations on the health and abundance of selected edible plant species, and then assist with public reporting in the summer and fall.

## Internship Responsibilities and Learning Objectives

By the end of the internship you will be able to:

- Identify the plants selected for the phenology research project.
- Identify selected wild edible plants.
- Identify the phenol-stages of forest plants.
- Be familiar with forest characteristics of the three forest plots.
- Photograph plants and plant communities throughout the growing season.
- Describe basic principles of ethnobotany.
- Understand traditional Menominee Forest practices.
- Record data from plant observations and complete data entry.
- Create a poster and/or other media that reflects what you have learned by the internship, including a field guide to plants on the Menominee Reservation.

Other responsibilities include:

- Participate in orientation and team building activities to facilitate learning and growing together, including attendance at IPSI.
- Work independently and with a team to perform the duties needed to complete the project.
- Collaborate with knowledgeable elders and develop respectful relationships.
- Present an overview of your experience to CMN and the broader community according to Institutional Review Board and Menominee Language and Culture Commission direction.
- Prepare and deliver a presentation to the FALCON Conference in October.
- Participate in approved meetings and SDI events.
- Getting along with others and having fun.



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## **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 to students' academic degree program.

## **Application Procedures:**

Submit all information to the Sustainable Development Institute, Attention Desirae Wilber, College of Menominee Nation, N172 State Highway 47/55, PO Box 1179, Keshena, WI 54135 by 26 February, 2021. You may also email [SDI@menominee.edu](mailto:SDI@menominee.edu). Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Internship Program Application requires the following:

- Application Form
- Current Resume (Include any past internship experience)
- Transcripts and/or Grades (unofficial or official)
- Letter of Interest
- Letter of Recommendation (preferably a professor at his/her institution)

## **Timeframe and Stipend (if applicable):**

The internship is scheduled to begin March 15, 2021 and run through Mid-October, 2021. There will be breaks for holidays and between sessions. This internship is compensated via stipend, and can be up to \$10,080 depending on completion of a body of work. During the semester, it is requested that the intern schedule does not conflict with their academic schedule. The internship may be extended or hours adjusted based on student availability, interest, and funding.