



The AIGC & Choctaw Scholarship Advisement Program (SAP) Fellowship

The AIGC Choctaw SAP Fellowship is a 2-year (\$10,000/yr) graduate research fellowship available to one full-time, degree-seeking, tribally-enrolled graduate or professional level **Choctaw** student.

Once chosen, the AIGC Director of Fellowships will work with the individual's institution to assure the following:

- Student is or will be engaging in a *research project that has implications for the American Indian and Alaska Native communities;
- Student has a research advisor, who will assist the student in completing the project;
- Student is attending an accredited program in the United States;
- Student will benefit from the research project, as a rising professional;
- Student has ample matching resources to devote the necessary time to the project, through completion.

Ideally, the recipient will be selected by mid-August of 2013 and have 2 full years of study remaining, or be in dissertation/thesis status. AIGC will consider shorter projects with sufficient evidence that the project can be completed in the timeframe stated in the application, including having IRB approvals (if required) already in place. All project proposals will be considered, until one is deemed to meet all aforementioned criteria.

In order to be eligible, applicants must visit AIGCS.ORG, click on 'Apply Now' and complete both the General Application and the AIGC Choctaw SAP Fellowship opportunity. Please be prepared to respond to each of the following:

- How did you choose the field of study for which you will use this fellowship?
- Why did you choose to attend the institution where you will perform this research?
- Data for American Indians and Alaska Natives is often hidden behind the words, "statistically insignificant". What does this mean for your chosen profession?
- Disparities exist for many groups. What specific disparity or contributing factor(s) are you hoping to impact with your chosen degree program? How will this Fellowship help to achieve this goal?
- Each year, at least \$7,000 of the fellowship will be applied to tuition, fees and other costs of attendance, or may be applied to a stipend, with the approval of the institution. The remaining money may be applied to other research costs. Please discuss how you plan to use the remaining fellowship to carry out your research/proposal, i.e., purchase of literature or memberships to databases, travel, profession specific software, etc. You may need to discuss this with your institution, prior to accepting the award, should you be selected. *You will be asked to submit a simple budget template.*
- Provide the name and email of two academic references who can attest to your persistence in educational attainment.
- *Provide the name and email of the individual (preferably your research advisor) at your institution, with whom AIGC can communicate regarding this award. They will receive a short questionnaire verifying their willingness to cooperate with AIGC regarding the terms of payment and reporting with this fellowship.

* The AIGC Choctaw SAP Fellow will credit AIGC and the Choctaw SAP in all publications and presentations associated with the research funded through this fellowship. As such, AIGC will request and receive periodic (quarterly or each semester) research updates from both the student and their advisor.

Contact: Email Melvin@aigcs.org or call 505-881-4585 to speak with Melvin. The Choctaw SAP does not have additional information.