

## **NIH Supported Training Opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native Students and Researchers**

The following selected list highlights [the National Institutes of Health \(NIH\)](#) supported training opportunities for American Indian and Alaska Native students and researchers. This list was compiled for the NIH federal partner webpage of the [Let's Move! in Indian Country](#) website hosted by the [Indian Health Service](#).

- [National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases \(NIDDK\) Office of Minority Research and Health Coordination Diversity Summer Research Training Program for Undergraduate Students](#)
  - Annual summer program to increase participation of students from underrepresented backgrounds, including individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds and individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups in biomedical research.
  - Students spend the summer working in an NIH laboratory and at the end of the summer participate in the [NIH Summer Research Program Poster Day](#) held on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.
- [NIDDK Undergraduate STEP-UP Program](#)
  - Offers summer research experiences for undergraduate students from racial and ethnic groups that have been underrepresented in the biomedical sciences on a national basis that are interested in exploring research careers in biomedical, clinical and social sciences.
- [NIDDK High School STEP-UP Program](#)
  - Offers hands-on summer research experiences for high school students from racial and ethnic groups that have been underrepresented in the biomedical sciences on a national basis that are interested in exploring research careers in biomedical, clinical and social sciences.
- [National Institute of General Medical Sciences Research Training Opportunities](#)
  - Check out Native American Students discussing their participation in the [NIGMS Native American Students NIH Week-Long Summer Visit](#)
- [National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Translational Health Disparities Two-Week Intensive Course](#)
  - Annual course draws diverse group of health care and public health professionals, researchers, scientists and members of community- and faith-based organizations seeking research tools to combat health disparities.
- [The Partnership for Native American Cancer Prevention \(NACP\)](#)
  - A collaborative initiative between Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona Cancer Center funded through the National Cancer Institute that aims to alleviate the unequal burden of cancer among Native Americans of the Southwest through research, training and community outreach programs in collaborations with the communities the collaborative serves.
  - The NACP [training program](#) specifically aims to:
    - Expand introductory cancer-related research experiences for freshmen at Northern Arizona University;

- Implement a summer cancer-related research experience at Northern Arizona University to initiate the transition process for tribal and community college students into universities; and
- Develop programs to prepare Native American undergraduate students to enter biomedical graduate programs.
- [NIH Institutional Review Board Internship Program](#)
  - Offered by the Department of Bioethics, NIH in cooperation with the NIH Combined NeuroScience IRB and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) Education and Community Involvement Branch.
  - Provides IRB internship opportunity at NIH for members of IRBs, IRB administrators, research ethics committees, tribal governance bodies and others involved in research participant projects.
  - Selected interns observe IRB meetings, shadow IRB staff and attend NIH trainings, courses and seminars.