

# Exploring Indigenous Environmental Governance and Policy

Postdoctoral Research Associate position at the University of Arizona

Application Deadline: May 15, 2023

Position Start: August 15, 2023 or January 1, 2024

## Position Summary

The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy at the University of Arizona announces a postdoctoral position at the intersection of the environment, Indigenous governance, and policy.

Indigenous Peoples have stewarded the environment since time immemorial. Today, Indigenous Peoples manage more than one-quarter of Earth's land base. Indigenous rights and title to land, paired with place-based knowledges, make Indigenous governance critical to the stewardship of the environment—especially as settler colonial systems often extract, distort, and misapply Indigenous Knowledges. This position offers the opportunity to explore at the interface of environmental, Indigenous governance, and policy issues. Under collaborative mentorship from faculty at the Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy, including the Native Nations Institute (NNI), Environmental Policy Program (EPP), and Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance, this position offers considerable room for the postdoctoral researcher to design and implement their own research initiative. The research focus may vary depending on the candidate's expertise and interest but should include climate change, water, or land stewardship.

## Duties and Responsibilities

The postdoctoral candidate will be tasked with:

- Collaborating in an interdisciplinary and diverse research group
- Developing, and where appropriate, overseeing project design
- Helping to identify research projects of significance
- Synthesizing and integrating across diverse disciplinary literatures (for example, public policy, geography, political science, environmental studies, hydrology, Indigenous studies, sociology, anthropology, law, and economics)
- Conducting qualitative and quantitative research
- Partnering with local, tribal, regional, and national stakeholders
- Presenting research results at various events, including national and international conferences
- Help facilitate project meetings and broader tribal engagement efforts
- Coauthoring academic articles with research group members
- Co-supervising undergraduate and graduate students engaged in collaborative efforts
- Co-developing proposals for extramural funding to continue and expand the line of research
- Participating in the University's post-doctoral trainings and mentorship opportunities

## Minimum Qualifications

- Doctoral degree or equivalent in environmental policy, environmental law, American Indian studies, planning, political science, anthropology, sociology, or a related field
- Enthusiasm for studying environmental and natural resource issues and related policies in a culturally responsive manner
- Strong methodological skills

## Preferred Qualifications

- Comfort working in teams, leading team meetings, and supervising students
- Collaborative spirit
- Record of published research in this area
- Relevant experience

Interested applicants should apply [here](#) no later than May 15, 2023, to ensure full consideration.

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The Udall Center for Studies in Public Policy is a university-wide research center that is the intellectual home for interdisciplinary, stakeholder-based policy research, and outreach. As such, the Udall Center's charge is to advance cross-cutting inquiry and connect diverse policy research efforts and researchers, attract external support for policy research, and deliver measurable public impact.

The Native Nations Institute was founded in 2001 by the University of Arizona and Udall Foundation as a self-determination, governance, and development resource for Indigenous nations. A program of the Udall Center, NNI works with Indigenous nations and organizations to support Indigenous self-determination, strengthen Indigenous governance capacities, and achieve community and economic development objectives. It accomplishes these purposes through practical research, educational programs, and hands-on collaboration designed to assist Indigenous Peoples in (re)building their nations according to their own designs.

The Collaboratory for Indigenous Data Governance is an interdisciplinary research group that partners to provide research, policy, and practice innovations to advance Indigenous Data Sovereignty. The Collaboratory engages diverse disciplines, builds community, practices accountability, and generates collective knowledge to transform institutional governance and ethics for Indigenous control of Indigenous data.

The Environmental Policy Program at the Udall Center engage in applied research and outreach on public policy topics relating to economic development, environment, public health, public lands, and energy transitions and including themes such as social justice, gender equity, human well-being and quality of life, Indigenous entrepreneurship, and energy and renewables.

*Strengthening Indigenous Governance*

Interested applicants should include:

- Letter of interest summarizing interest and qualifications
- Curriculum vitae
- 1-2 writing samples e.g., thesis or dissertation, term paper, or manuscript for publication
- Be prepared to share contact information for three professional references upon request

### Appointment Information

The appointee should be available to begin work in August 2023 or January 2024. The initial appointment will be for 12 months; an extension may be possible subject to availability of funding. Salary for the position is \$57,000 annually at 1.0 full-time equivalency (FTE).

The position will be located at the University of Arizona in Tucson, Arizona. Relocation benefits are not included.

The appointee will be a full-time exempt, benefits-eligible employee of the University of Arizona. See <https://talent.arizona.edu/compensation-and-benefits> for more information about benefits at the University of Arizona.

At the University of Arizona, we value our inclusive climate because we know that diversity in experiences and perspectives is vital to advancing innovation, critical thinking, solving complex problems, and creating an inclusive academic community. As a Hispanic-serving institution, we translate these values into action by seeking individuals who have experience and expertise working with diverse students, colleagues, and constituencies. Because we seek a workforce with a wide range of perspectives and experiences, we provide equal employment opportunities to applicants and employees without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information. As an Employer of National Service, we also welcome alumni of AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, and other national service programs and others who will help us advance our Inclusive Excellence initiative aimed at creating a university that values student, staff, and faculty engagement in addressing issues of diversity and inclusiveness.

The University of Arizona has been recognized for our innovative work-life programs. For more information about working at the University of Arizona and relocation services, please [click here](#).

Reach out to learn more. You can email Molli Bryson at [mollic@arizona.edu](mailto:mollic@arizona.edu).

Review begins on May 15, 2023