

An Invitation for Nominations - Culture-Keeper/Elder-in-Residence Program

Nominations are being accepted for the Culture-Keeper/Elder-in-Residence Program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

The new initiative seeks to improve the experience of American Indian and Alaskan Native students by hosting Native elders on campus for extended visits (5 day) and educational exchanges. Its goals include: strengthening partnerships between Tribal Nations and the university; providing all students with access to crucial cultural resources; collaboration on curricula, coursework, and possibly research; and improving the campus experience and retention for Native students.

The nomination process will create a group of individuals who will be available to participate in the Culture-Keeper/Elder-in-Residence program in the spring and future semesters.

2019 dates:

Spring: April 1-5 (UW-Madison's American Indian Student Organization Wunk Sheek will host the 50th On Wisconsin Annual Spring Powwow (OWASP) on 4/6 -7)

Fall: November 11-15 (Tentative)

Participation will include:

- Brief orientation on UW-Madison
- Meals with faculty and students in the American Indian Student and Cultural Center
- Support of cultural events on campus
- Serve as guest lecturer
- Hold office hours to visit with students, faculty, and staff
- Meet with faculty who work with Native students and Nations
- Other activities based on nominee's interests

Compensation: Housing, meals, transportation support, and a monetary stipend.

You are invited to nominate yourself or someone else.

A background check will be conducted for each nominee.

Nomination deadline: February 8, 2019

Nominations will be reviewed and individuals notified in late February.

To submit a nomination, choose one of the options below.

1) Click here <https://go.wisc.edu/eldersnomination>

2) Reply to this email with answers to the questions noted below.

3) Download, print, and complete the attached PDF, and return via U.S. Postal Service to Diane Stojanovich to address noted on the nomination form.

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Nomination Questions

Date _____

Name of nominee: _____

Tribe of nominee: _____

Nominee phone number _____

Nominee email _____

Nominee address _____

Name of nominator: _____

Nominator phone number _____

Nominator email _____

Nominator address _____

Brief statement by nominator (limit to 200 words). Please share why you are nominating this individual. Please share experience with youth mentorship, education, etc.

Please indicate the semester that the nominee will participate (you can choose one or both)

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_____ **Fall: November 11-15, 2019**

Deadline to submit: 2/8/19

If you have questions, please call Diane at (608) 263-3063

Please return completed form to:

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