



# Insight Pre-Professional Program

DIVERSITY THROUGH EDUCATION

**Insight Pre-Professional Program  
Summer 2018  
Saturday, May 26th to Saturday, June 23rd**

## **Mission**

The Insight Pre-Professional Program (IPP) promotes academic and professional success among program participants by providing new and exciting opportunities for students to learn and to explore their interests through internships, workshops, and travel to Washington, D.C. and New York City. Our goal is to motivate participants to complete their postsecondary education, secure meaningful and rewarding employment, and achieve important personal goals.

All participants receive a full scholarship which covers the cost of travel, room and board, workshops, and field trips. Those who complete the internship also receive a \$500 stipend.

## **Program Activities**

**Internships.** Students will complete a 4-week internship with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Washington, DC. BIA internships provide excellent opportunities for young Native Americans to acquire hands-on federal work experience and develop leadership skills and professionalism while working in BIA offices. For example, participants may be assigned to one or more of the following: Office of Indian Services, Office of Justice Services, Office of Trust Services, Office of Public Affairs, Office of Grants and Acquisitions, and the Bureau of Indian Education. As BIA interns, students will support professional staff in several areas including policy development, data analysis, and communications. The BIA will not pay interns a salary; however, IPP will provide each student who successfully completes the internship a \$500 stipend. Should you have further questions about the internship, please feel free to contact Spike Bighorn, Associate Deputy Director – Indian Services, at 202-208-6941, or via email at [spike.bighorn@bia.gov](mailto:spike.bighorn@bia.gov).

**Workshops.** Students will participate in workshops that will be designed to help build important life-skills as well as motivate and encourage participants to maximize their personal, academic, and professional potential. Topics will include, for example, personal financial management and leadership development.

**Travel.** Each weekend, students will have an opportunity to explore Washington DC's museums, monuments, and other nearby places of interests. Weekend trips to New York City and to the beach in Ocean City, Maryland, will also be on the agenda.

**For more information, please call Karen Walking Eagle, Executive Director at (703) 314-4336**





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## COMMITMENT TO PARTICIPATE

The Insight Pre-Professional Program (IPP) will incur significant expenses in anticipation of your arrival in Washington, DC. In particular, IPP will purchase a non-refundable airline ticket at a cost of over \$500 for you. If a participant fails to attend IPP after an airline ticket in the participant's name has been purchased, for reasons ***other than for a medical or family emergency***, IPP will not be able to reclaim the cost of the airline ticket and the program will lose these funds.

Therefore, we ask that you read and agree to the statement below in order to reserve your place in IPP's summer 2018 program. If you do not return this signed document by December 15, 2017, IPP will not purchase your airline ticket and we will offer your place in the program to another student.

***I commit to attend the IPP Summer 2018 program. I understand that if I decide not to travel to Washington, DC (for a reason other than a medical or family emergency) after signing this document and after my airline ticket has been purchased, I may have to reimburse IPP for the cost of this airline ticket. I further understand that the amount could be equal to or exceed \$500.***

Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## WAIVER

I acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury or illness associated with travel to and participation in IPP activities, including workshops and field trips.

In return for my participation in IPP, I fully and forever release, waive, discharge, acquit, indemnify, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue IPP, including but not limited to its board of directors, agents, employees, volunteers, officers, or representatives from all demands, claims, actions, suits, damages, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses including, but not limited to court costs and attorneys' fees from any cause whatsoever directly or indirectly arising in connection with my participation in IPP activities, irrespective of whether foreseeable or contributed to by any negligent act or omission of any IPP board member, officer, representative, employee, volunteer, or agent.

I understand that the IPP board of directors, officers, representatives, employees, and agents are not responsible for any medical bill incurred as a result of my personal illness or injury. I understand all medical bills are my responsibility.

I understand that by signing this document, I give up substantial rights that I would have otherwise to receive damages for any loss occasioned by IPP's officers, representatives, employees, volunteers, or agents, and I sign it voluntarily and without inducement.

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Do you have any special conditions (medical or dietary) of which IPP program staff should be aware?

No  If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_

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Are you covered by medical insurance and/or MEDICAID? Yes  No

Name of insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy/ID Number \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach a photocopy of the **back and front** of your insurance or MEDICAID card to this application.