

How to Apply

Applications are due March 15, 2013

- 1) Letter of Interest: Send a 1-2 page letter explaining your interest in a HERS internship, a description of previous internships or research experience, your academic goals, and how you will apply this experience in your own communities.
- 2) 2 Letters of Recommendation. We require both an academic letter of recommendation as well as a character reference.
- 3) College or university transcripts
- 4) 1 writing sample

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Haskell Environmental Research Studies

Summer Internship Program

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Send application materials to Terrie Garrison,
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Climate Change in Indigenous Communities



Overview



Climate change is altering the landscapes and lifeways of many Native communities. The Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) Summer Internship program is dedicated to preparing tribal college students for scientific and technical careers to help meet the challenges of climate change. The goal of the HERS Institute is to promote indigenous research and methodologies drawing on knowledge from Native locales and peoples to develop broad understandings and strategies for responding to climate change in Indigenous communities.

The HERS Summer Internship program is a collaboration among:

- Haskell Indian Nations University
- University of Kansas
- Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center
- American Indian & Alaska Native Climate Change Working Group
- NSF Kansas EPSCoR Program
- KU NSF C-CHANGE IGERT Program

Program

The HERS Institute is a 8-week paid summer internship program. Interns spend six weeks on the Haskell campus during June and July in classrooms and laboratories learning about climate change, and developing individual research projects. Interns spend another two weeks in July conducting independent research at Haskell, University of Kansas, or in the field.

Interns will work closely with KU PhD students studying the impacts of climate change on natural and human systems and will design independent research projects on climate change in a Native community of their choice. After the summer program, during the academic year, HERS Interns have many opportunities to present their work at professional meetings, workshops, and conferences around the country, including the Vine Deloria Jr. Symposium held at Northwest Indian College.



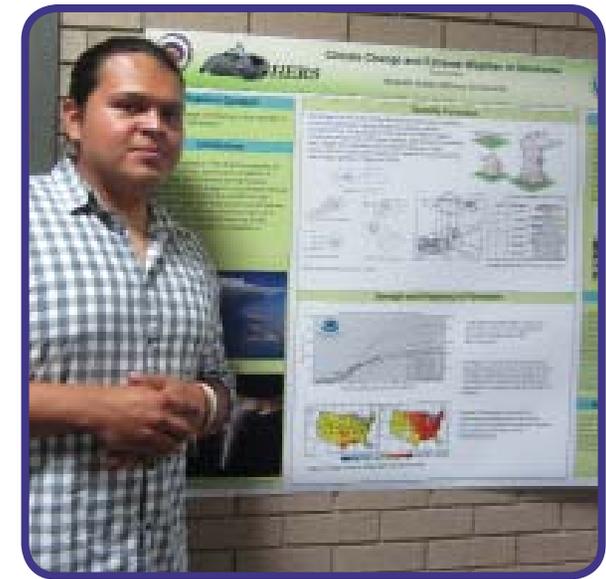
Directors, Dr. Wildcat and Dr. Nagel with the 2012 HERS Summer Institute Interns and IGERT Trainees

Support

HERS interns will receive the following:

- summer stipend
- housing accommodations
- laptop computer and software

Interns will have access to KU's libraries and research databases.



Daniel Ellis presents his HERS research poster

Eligibility

To be considered for the HERS Internship Program, applicants must be undergraduate students or recently graduated, in good standing, and eligible for enrollment in a tribal college or university.