



**TRIBAL STUDENT PUBLIC HEALTH
MINI RESEARCH PROJECT
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
2019-2020
Request for Applications
(RFA)**

The Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB) and the Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center is pleased to announce a funding opportunity through the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) to award mini research project grants that contribute to the Public Health educational development of American Indian/Alaskan Native students.

**Application Deadline:
Friday January 31, 2020**



FUNDING OPPORTUNITY OVERVIEW

The Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center (GPTEC) is a core component of the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board (GPTCHB) that provides and builds capacity within a wide variety of epidemiological and technical assistance services. GPTEC's mission is to provide leadership, technical assistance, support, and advocacy for the 18 tribal nations, 1 service unit, and communities serviced by the Great Plains Area Indian Health Service in order to eliminate the disparities in health that currently exist for tribal peoples within the same four-state region.

GPTEC is pleased to announce a new funding opportunity to award tribal student mini research grants that contribute to the Public Health educational development of American Indian/Alaskan Native college level students. Funding is provided by the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD). The purpose of the mini research grants is to provide opportunities, support, and guidance to tribal students interested in pursuing careers related to improving health/reducing disparities among the tribal communities of the Great Plains service area.

Research projects funded under this opportunity will be expected to be public health related and take place within a tribal community located within the GPTEC Great Plains service area. Research projects should lead to a better understanding of how to address health disparities in the Great Plains area tribal communities.

Projects could include the collection of primary/new data and/or the review of secondary/existing data but must be feasible in nature given the timeframe and funding. Sample topics (not required topics, for informational purposes) could include:

- Observational studies (e.g. safe driving to address motor vehicle collisions; assessment of healthy food availability locally to address obesity/diabetes; etc.)
- Collection of survey data (e.g. healthy/unhealthy behaviors; community needs; analysis of needs/programming/services)
- Review of existing program data (e.g. analyzing local public health assessment/surveillance or clinical data)



GPTEC will fund awards at \$5,000 per recipient. Up to **(6) awards** will be available for the 2019-2020 funding cycle. To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. MT on Friday, January 31, 2020.** The project period will run from the date of award through September 29, 2020.

ELIGIBILITY

In order to be considered eligible for this funding opportunity, applicants must:

- Be an enrolled full-time student (Undergrad/Graduate).
- Enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Have the ability and commitment to conduct research in one of the 17 tribal communities or 1 service area within the four-state Great Plains Area (ND, SD, NE, or IA).
- Share the results of their work with GPTCHB, GPTEC.

PROJECT GUIDELINES:

- Projects must address at least one known health disparity within one of the 17 tribal communities or 1 service area within the four-state Great Plains Area (ND, SD, NE, or IA).
- Projects must be completed no later than August 30, 2020 and must be presented in September 2020 at the GPTEC Tribal Public Health Round Table.
- Final report should include:
 - Outline anticipated impacts and outcomes from the original proposal.
 - Provide a summary of the actual impacts emphasizing benefits to reducing health disparities and sustainability.
 - Contrast of desired and actual impacts and outcomes.



GPTEC ROLE/SUPPORT:

- GPTEC staff will support student researchers by providing guidance on 1) project proposal formalization 2) IRB/RRB preparation and submission 3) assistance with data collection and analysis 4) preparation of the final report. GPTEC will also provide travel support to the Tribal Public Health Project Roundtable, where final reports will be presented.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

- Complete the enclosed application package. The following will comprise a completed application package:
 - ✓ Submit for Review:
 - A 2-3-page research proposal that addresses the following:
 - Describe the project and researchers involved.
 - Identify how the project will benefit your tribal community.
 - Provide goals and how they will be measured.
 - ✓ Proposals should be clear, concise, informative, and include who will lead/ supervise and who the fiscal officer will be to oversee financial transactions.
 - ✓ Please provide a detailed budget for the proposed project.
 - ✓ Provide documented support from Tribal Leaders of the community in which you will be conducting research.
- Submit all sections of the Mini Research Grant Application (see **Instructions in Application Packet** for more information).
- Contact Emily Good Weasel, GPTEC-IHS Program Manager, at Emily.goodweasel@gptchb.org or (605) 721-7331 with any questions or for technical assistance.

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by a team of qualified public health professionals. The review committee will consider applications based on:

- Relevance to the purpose of the opportunity.
- Ability to conduct research within the specified time frame and budget.
- Commitment demonstration.

Applicants will be notified of the status of their application by **Wednesday, February 12, 2020.**