Position Announcement: Undergraduate Research Assistant

Position: Two (2) Undergraduate Research Assistants for the CIRCLES Alliance project, Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior Level

Program: Cultivating Indigenous Research Communities for Leadership in Education and STEM (CIRCLES) Alliance grant, under NM EPSCoR and UNM.

Schedule: 10 hours/week. This is a PAID position. The position begins in Summer 2021 and ends in Fall 2021. Students selected MUST be available to work as part of the initiative for the entire duration of the project.

Position Description: CIRCLES Alliance Undergraduate Research Assistant – We are seeking two (2) undergraduates with experience in leadership and interest in gaining research experience. These positions will assist the CIRCLES Alliance project, a research study aimed at creating better connections and providing educational programming focused on increasing the number of American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) students who enter and persist in STEM-related fields. The research assistants will be tasked with assisting in finding and reviewing Native STEM programs and curricula in NM, assisting with a video project, and assisting in collecting and analyzing data through interviews and focus groups. The RAs will work closely with the CIRCLES Alliance postdoctoral fellow and will report to CIRCLES Alliance principal investigators (Dr. Selena Connealy and Dr. Lani Tsinnajinnie).

Required Qualifications: • enrolled UNM student with Freshman, Sophomore, or Junior class standing (Cannot be graduating before Fall 2021) • Strong communication skills • Ability to work independently and remotely • Interest in Native American education and/or STEM education

Preferred Qualifications: • Prior research experience • Ability to engage in quantitative and qualitative data collection and analysis • Ability to work collaboratively and seamlessly

Application and Contact Information: If you are interested in applying for this position, please send a cover letter/letter of application, professional CV, and names and contact information (name, title, email address, and phone number) for two (2) professional references to Lani Tsinnajinnie at lanimts@unm.edu. For earliest consideration, submit materials by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 26, 2021. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Questions about the position can be directed to Lani Tsinnajinnie at the above email address.

Learn more about the CIRCLES Alliance: https://circlesalliance.org/