

Dear NARCH Directors:

We are writing to let you know about an opportunity for your students to apply to attend our annual NIH Visit Week (June 11-15, 2018), a one-week summer enrichment program to expose Native American and Alaska Native students to the NIH and to biomedical research and healthcare careers. Selected students will participate in science career workshops, interactions in selected NIH laboratories and clinical research settings, a science journal club, informational interviews and professional networking opportunities throughout the week. They will also meet with students in the NIH SACNAS Chapter, and learn about NIH internship opportunities.

To get the most of this program, students should have a strong interest in learning more about science careers. We welcome applications from students enrolled in Tribal colleges, and undergraduate college students at all levels. All students who apply must be affiliated with your NARCH program.

We will begin activities at 9:00 am on June 11, 2018 and activities will end at 3 pm on Friday, June 15, 2018. We are unable to accommodate students who need to arrive after the start of the program or leave before the end of the program.

The students should complete a brief online application at <https://www.training.nih.gov/sas/20/1309> to be eligible for selection to attend the NIH Visit Week. The application includes the student's contact and school information, and a cover letter explaining his/her motivation for applying. Please have the student select "NARCH" under "Your Affiliation" under "Education History" in addition to referencing NARCH in the cover letter. Additionally, a limited number of travel scholarships will be offered. Selected students will receive a scholarship to cover travel and lodging in Bethesda for the duration of the program. The student should state in the cover letter that they would like to be considered for the travel scholarship. The student should also include the name and email address for a reference. An automated email will be sent to the reference listed by the student with instructions on how to submit the reference letter explaining why the student will benefit from the program. Student applications are due Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018, reference letters are due Tuesday, April 10th and accepted students will be notified by Tuesday, May 1st, 2018. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have questions.

We look forward to welcoming your students to the NIH in June!

Warmly,

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