



Harvard University Native American Program

Website: <http://www.hunap.harvard.edu/>

The Harvard University Native American Program (HUNAP) is dedicated to serving Native Hawaiian, Native American, and Native Alaskan students as well as those at Harvard who wish to promote the wellbeing of indigenous tribes. Started in 1970, HUNAP serves to train Native American leaders in education. The program is in line with Harvard's 1650 charter that states it is dedicated to educating the indigenous population. The Harvard University Native American Program has three main goals: research and teaching, community outreach, and student recruitment and leadership development.

Although Harvard does not have an American Indian Studies major, the university does offer courses on Native Americans and issues affecting them. HUNAP supports these courses and offers information on these courses. Additionally, HUNAP is involved in and has information regarding a number of research projects. The Peabody Museum has joined with HUNAP to offer research and course opportunities. Additionally, the museum even offers internships during the summer. The interns will try to be matched with Native American projects when possible. Students can also become involved with the Four Directions Summer Research Program and the Harvard Indigenous Law Clinical Program.

As a university interfaculty initiative, the Harvard University Native American Program works to bring together staff, students, and faculty from all over the university as well as members of the community and members of other universities from the surrounding area. HUNAP plans a number of events each year to increase community. These gatherings include more formal events like dinners and informal social gatherings. They are designed to celebrate the spirit of community on campus and provide networking opportunities. Another form of outreach is the Honoring Contributions in the Governance of American Indian Nation program that recognizes and awards outstanding tribal governance.

HUNAP conducts recruiting meetings at Native American conferences, events, and schools throughout the country. If you are considering any of Harvard University's programs, HUNAP is a valuable resource. Although the Harvard University Native American Program does not offer scholarships or other financial assistance, they can assist Native American students in finding scholarships and other financial aid offered by Harvard. HUNAP has information on scholarships and grants on their website. The organization can even help you plan a visit to the campus, attend classes, and make arrangements for you to stay with students during your trip.

About half of the Native American students at Harvard are actively involved in HUNAP. The Harvard University Native American Program can connect you with other students as well as faculty. You can contact HUNAP to receive information about Harvard as well as its e-newsletter, *Opportunities*. The newsletter provides updates regarding internship openings, career opportunities, and scholarships and fellowships. Additionally, the newsletter provides information about upcoming conferences, symposiums, and workshops that are of interest to the Native American community. Once joining the Harvard University Native American Program, you will become part of the network of more than 1,000 Native American alumni who were also part of HUNAP. You can contact HUNAP if you want more information about their organization or Harvard University.