Graduate Research Assistantship starting January 2023 with UNL’s Tribal Extension Office & Civic Entomology Lab

A highly motivated candidate is sought to pursue an MS degree in entomology focused on Indigenous food sovereignty at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in Lincoln, Nebraska, USA.

Apply by Friday, November 15, 2022

The successful candidate will receive a 2-year assistantship with stipend and full tuition. This candidate will serve as the program coordinator for Nebraska Extension's Indigenous Youth Food Sovereignty Program and participate in research that supports discovery in unifying Indigenous knowledge about the traditional relationship with grandmother earth (uncil maka), plant and insect relatives, with western One Health concepts (human-animal-plant-environmental relationships) in a community garden setting. This position will begin in the Spring 2023 semester.

Applicant must:
- have a B.S. in horticulture, entomology or related biological field
- meet Entomology M.S. requirements for graduate admission at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln

The ideal individual for this position:
- has background in horticulture (preferred) and entomology
- has strong interest in and respect for Indigenous cultures
- has strong interest in collaborating with individuals from different cultures and disciplines
- can provide examples of being self-motivated
- can provide examples of having worked well independently and with a team

Application process:
- Apply to the UNL Graduate College for the Spring 2023 semester by Friday, November 15, 2022:
  - https://www.unl.edu/gradstudies/admissions/steps
  - This application requires 3 letters of recommendation and a resume or curriculum vitae (CV)
- In the application letter to Dr. Louise Lynch-O’Brien, please include the following:
  - Describe your previous interactions, if any, with Native American communities and culture.
  - Describe your previous horticultural experience, if any, such as work with community, pollinator, urban, or other gardens.
  - This MS degree will focus on indigenous ways of knowing and human-insect-plant (One Health) relationships. What are your future goals and how might this degree help you accomplish them?
  - Anything else you feel is important for us to know about you.
- If emailing questions, please utilize this email subject line: "Application for MS degree with Civic Ento Lab"

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Nebraska Extension’s Tribal Extension Office builds relationships and partnerships between Nebraska Extension and Native American communities and organizations through the Native American Coalition (NAC). The Civic Entomology Lab is a NAC member and focuses on building community-focused collaborative experiences to help the public achieve positive human, animal and environmental health outcomes. Learn more at nativecoalition.unl.edu and civicentomologylab.unl.edu.