Graduate Student in Education Wanted!!

An interdisciplinary research team based in the School of Computing has a new position for a graduate student in Education in order to help develop, implement, and test lesson plans for middle school students including American Indian students living on or near Montana Indian reservations. This is a research assistant position, that would include a stipend and tuition. We welcome any Education student accepted into the Education PhD or Master’s program to apply, regardless of specialization. Priority given to students with middle school expertise.

This research assistant position involves working as part of an interdisciplinary team and developing curriculum materials to be posted on the Montana Office of Public Instruction's Indian Education for All (IEFA) website.

The Storytelling project will develop and research storytelling as a culturally responsive way to engage American Indian and rural Montana middle school students in learning computer science and computing skills. Instead of creating a new curriculum, the project will infuse computer science across the curriculum, which will help students understand that computing skills are relevant across disciplines and are important for a wide variety of professions in the work-force. These lessons will use Alice, an object-based educational programming environment that has already proven to be successful in engaging and retaining diverse and under-served groups in computer science. The interdisciplinary team will develop resources for teachers to meet the requirements of Montana's Indian Education for All (IEFA) Act.

Please apply by July 15, 2018 for Fall Appointments. Contact storytelling@montana.edu for more information.