

MSU REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS- NATIVE AMERICAN RECRUITMENT & RETENTION INITIATIVES

The Office of the Provost requests proposals from MSU-Bozeman campus constituencies for initiatives that will enhance Native American student recruitment and retention. This request for proposals reflects MSU's strong commitment to Native American students and their communities. Further, MSU seeks to build stronger partnerships with Native Communities and increase collaboration among campus-wide programs that support Native Americans. Proposals for new initiatives must have a focus on enhancing recruitment and retention of Native American students and demonstrate a strong likelihood for immediate or eventual sustainability.

Proposal Guidelines:

- Proposals will demonstrate an understanding of the complexities of recruiting and retaining American Indian students and acknowledge the significant value of the Native community to Montana and to MSU.
- Proposals (5 page maximum) must include a title, clearly stated objectives, methods, assessment plan with performance metrics, budget (with detailed description of how the funds will be used), timeline, dissemination plan (how the initiative will be advertised and how the results will be shared and potentially replicated) and a sustainability plan.
- To reduce redundancy and to encourage synergistic outcomes, proposals that leverage multiple existing institutional Native American initiatives/offices on campus will receive additional consideration. Collaboration with tribal colleges and/or other campuses within the Montana University System is welcomed.
- Proposals must have a focus on increasing the recruitment and retention of Native American students.

Budget:

Approximately \$100,000 in non-recurring funds will be awarded.

Proposals should not exceed \$20,000.

Timeline:

January 3, 2012 - Proposals due to the Provost's Office with acknowledgement (signature) and (if any) additional comments from the appropriate Department Head or Director, Deans or appropriate VPs.

Early January - Awards announced for potential Spring 2012 implementation.

If there are any questions about this process, please contact Pat Chansley at 994-4373 or email chansley@montana.edu.