



Native American Graduate Fellowship in Land and Water Management

Deadline for receipt of online application and supporting materials:

July 1, 2021 with awards announced by August 1, 2021

The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy is offering Native American Graduate Fellowships in Land and Water Management. We invite applications from tribal members who are pursuing graduate studies in water and/or land use management, broadly defined.

The primary goal of this Graduate Fellowship Program is to support Native American students' pursuit of skills and expertise through graduate education that they can apply to advance water resilience in tribal communities. We hope that supporting Native American students in their graduate training will have several impacts:

- Expand the capacity of tribal communities to manage their water resources and to engage in local, regional, and basin wide water management policy.
- Improve the integration of water management with land use and other natural resources policy and management.
- Encourage and assist Native American students to enter water and land management professions and to build their professional skills and experience.
- Generally increase the awareness of Native American water resources issues and management perspectives for land and water management professionals and students.

The Babbitt Center is a center of the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy, a nonprofit private operating foundation. This Fellowship Program provides an important link between Lincoln Institute's educational mission and its research objectives by supporting scholars early in their careers.

Eligibility

Fellowships are open to students who are (1) a member of a Tribe in the Colorado River Basin attending any university; or (2) a member of a Tribe outside the Basin region attending a university located within any of the Basin states in the U.S. or Mexico (Arizona, California, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Sonora, or Baja California).

Students must be (1) enrolled in a university graduate degree program and in good standing; or (2) accepted to and committed to attending such a program and enrolled when funds are received.

We welcome students in both terminal non-thesis professional master's programs and research-based programs in a variety of fields, including but not limited to:

- Natural resource management
- Civil engineering
- Hydrology
- Planning
- Public policy
- Agricultural science and management
- Geography and GIScience
- Law
- Interdisciplinary sustainability studies
- Basic physical sciences such as biology, chemistry, and ecology

Requirements for Fellowship Recipients

There are no restrictions on the use of funds. In each year of funding, recipients will be expected to participate in one of the activities below.

1. Give a presentation directly to the Lincoln Institute, or as part of a professional meeting such as a conference or workshop organized by the Babbitt Center, to share knowledge and skills gained through your work and how those skills may be applied to tribal water management challenges.
2. Mentor a younger college or high school student.

About the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy and Lincoln Institute of Land Policy

The Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy, a center of the [Lincoln Institute of Land Policy](#), seeks to advance the integration of land and water management to meet the current and future water needs of Colorado River Basin communities, economies, and the environment. The Babbitt Center develops tools and best practices to guide decisions through research, training, and partnerships for sustainable management of land and water resources in the Basin and beyond.

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy seeks to improve quality of life through the effective use, taxation, and stewardship of land. A nonprofit private operating foundation whose origins date to 1946, the Lincoln Institute researches and recommends creative approaches to land as a solution to economic, social, and environmental challenges. Through education, training, publications, and events, we integrate theory and practice to inform public policy decisions worldwide.

The Lincoln Institute of Land Policy is an equal opportunity institution.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please read the instructions carefully. All applications must be submitted in English.

The Babbitt Center Native American Graduate Fellowships are for \$10,000 per year for up to two years. Applications must include all of the items listed below.

- ☒ **Completed application form, including:**
 - **Applicant Information**
 - **Anticipated Impact of Award** (up to 300 words)
 - **Narrative Biography** (a short narrative biography of 150-200 words.)
 - **Two references with contact information**
- ☒ **Personal Statement** (up to 500 words)
- ☒ **Academic transcript that includes the two most recent semesters** (copies are acceptable)

Applications by e-mail are preferred but regular mail is also acceptable.

- For electronic submissions, send the completed application form, personal statement, and academic transcript as attachments to BabbittFellowships@lincolnst.edu.
- Due to COVID-19 protocols we are not regularly checking mail at our office. If you wish to mail your application, please contact us either at the email address above or call Zachary Sugg (972-841-310) to make arrangements.

Applications, whether submitted by email or regular mail, must be received via by 11:59 p.m. (AZ time) on July 1, 2021 to be considered.

The Babbitt Center will email an acknowledgment within five days after your application has been received.

Format documents with margins for copying on 8.5 x 11-inch (letter-size) paper.

Applications will be evaluated by an internal committee based on a combined assessment of the following materials as described briefly above and in more detail on the Application:

- Personal statement
- Anticipated impact of award
- Academic performance in your studies to date

**Awards will be announced (via email to the applicant)
one month after the application deadline.**