

Native American Political Leadership Program

About NAPLP

The **Native American Political Leadership Program** within the AT&T Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy at The George Washington University provides **academic scholarships** with funding from AT&T to provide Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students an introduction to the nation's capital and opportunities to study the public policy decision-making process, governmental functions, and politics in a democratic society.

The program involves rigorous **coursework** in applied politics, hand-on professional **internships**, development of relationships with **mentors**, and interactions with Washington's political and policy decision makers and leaders in the Native American political community.

SCHOLARSHIP COVERS

-Tuition-

-Dorm-

-Airfare-

-Stipend-

Coursework

Electoral and Legislative Processes

This course explores how political decisions are made in the electoral and legislative arenas, and how advocates can successfully influence those decisions as they seek to elect people to public office, move public opinion, or implement a legislative agenda.

Practicum in Community Organizing

This course offers a "current events" focus in which students work in small groups with a practicum leader drawn from the national professional community as they develop strategic plans for organizing communities around key issues.

Past Internship Sites

- U.S. Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)
- U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
- U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-HI)
- Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Bureau of Indian Education
- Office of Hawaiian Affairs
- White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education
- U.S. Representative Tom Cole (R-OK)
- Native American Contractors Association
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources
- National Council of Urban Indian Health
- Administration for Native Americans
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- National Endowment for the Arts

Program Dates and Deadlines

Spring 2018

Dates: January 16 - May 4, 2018

Deadline: November 1, 2017

Summer 2018

Dates: June 4 - July 27, 2018

Deadline: February 1, 2018

Apply at: Semesterinwashington.gwu.edu/apply