

An opportunity to become a Student Mentor

One of the strategic objectives of the **Native Research Network, Inc.** is to increase capacity of health professionals and scientific researchers among the Native populations. To meet this need, there is a great effort put into securing funds, and to afford this opportunity for Native students to attend the **Annual Native Health Conference** which is a partnership conference with the **Indian Health Service**. We also want to thank the other federal agencies, Indian tribes, universities and private entities that support our conference.

At the conference, the students are encouraged to participate in the scientific sessions, and are encouraged to mingle and network with seasoned health professionals and researchers. Although we have a few dedicated individuals who “mentor” the students, we are always outnumbered by the students. This year, we would like to increase the number of mentors, so that each student may have some quality time with a mentor during the conference, and perhaps the mentoring relationship would continue after the conference.

We are expecting as many as 35 native college students who will be participating in this year's conference. In the past, several health professionals attending the conference have agreed to become short term advisors/consultants to students who are majoring, or interested in majoring, in the health science fields of the health care professionals attending these conferences. Especially for those students approaching graduation, and those students interested in a particular field of study in your area of expertise/experience, would you be interested in volunteering to help?

The conference has set aside a student/mentor meeting for June 27, 2011 from 5:00 -7:00 P.M., *Red Jacket* room to greet the students and welcome them to the conference and we will be more than pleased if you could attend. We will be serving light refreshments. If you have any questions, you may contact any member of our Student Committee, we will be available at the conference also.

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