Indigenous Social Scientist & Field Technician

Job Information
Workload: 0.75 – 1 FTE negotiable
Salary:$15-20 p/h DOE
Location: Home-based work on distributed teams during COVID-19, organization is based in Browning, MT
Job Closing: February 5, 2021

Position Summary
PLHI is seeking to hire an individual to join a dynamic team working to support the health and well-being of the Amskapi Piikani people and their homelands. Our Native-led non-profit team works in direct partnership with the Blackfeet Nation to support Blackfeet food sovereignty, support for cultural lifeways and land-use, holistic Blackfeet led agriculture, and community health and well-being.

The individual will work across numerous projects including:
  - Health and Well-being
  - Food Systems and Regenerative Agriculture
  - Tourism Development
  - Conservation Planning

Essential Tasks and Duties:
  - Gather community level information from producer/rancher/tourism operations.
  - Work with landowners/tourism operators and elders to better understand the human environment landscape of the Blackfeet Nation.
  - Visit with community members to gather local level knowledge.
  - Conduct interviews with elders to discuss cultural implications of management practices, cultural science approaches, community values in indigenous led conservation, tourism and agricultural practices.
  - Support installation of environmental monitoring equipment at pilot sites.
  - Support development of holistic regenerative grazing management practices.
  - Support development of ecological monitoring plans, and conduct aspects of habitat and plant species monitoring.
  - Support developing alignment of tourism projects with conservation planning initiatives and programs within the Amskapi Piikani community (Blackfeet Nation) and with partnering regional and national organizations.
  - Support work with student interns, Blackfeet Community College partners, and Blackfeet tribal departments to align holistic agriculture, conservation and tourism goals within other tribal policies and programs.
  - Work with a dynamic team including ranchers and landowners, professional landscape designers and planners, graduate and PhD level researchers in environmental science and public health, tribal government officials, national program partners, tribal agricultural organizations, and more.
Desired Knowledge, Skills & Abilities in at least some (or all) of the following:
- Knowledge and skills with some of the following areas - environmental science, rangeland ecology, grassland management, climate change, soil science, wildlife biology, watershed planning, conservation planning, tourism, food systems, agriculture, or other related fields
- Background in ecological field work
- Knowledge of Blackfeet Nation ecosystem
- Knowledge of tribal trust-land management
- Knowledge of and experience in Blackfeet cultural practices
- Knowledge of carbon credit programs
- Experience in ecological restoration
- Background in regional planning and/or landscape architecture
- Experience with Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Qualifications

● Native hiring preference as per 42 U.S.C. § 2000e-2(i)(1982) and Blackfeet Nation TERO Ordinance.
● Associates degree or equivalent experience.
● A comparable amount of training and experience may be substituted for the minimum qualifications.
● At home work space and secure internet access.
● Ability to work independently and remotely on dispersed teams during COVID-19.
● Ability to work collaboratively on teams.
● Communication and analytical skills.
● Desire to learn.

To Apply

Please submit a current resume and short letter of interest by February 5, 2021 at 5:00 pm to info@piikanilodge.org. Please note “PLHI Social Scientist Position” in the subject line.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your application.