



9th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum Anchorage, Alaska Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Presented by the National Congress of American Indians Policy Research Center

PRESENT YOUR RESEARCH | **PROPOSAL DEADLINE: FEB. 7, 2014**

Moving Policy & Innovation through Tribal Research

The 9th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum ('the Forum') provides a space for tribal leaders and citizens, researchers, and community organizations to discuss how to strengthen public policy and community-based initiatives based on meaningful data and research. The Forum aims to generate *strategic* and *impactful* research that benefits Native communities and centers Native cultures.

Theme & Priority Areas: The NCAI Policy Research Center will feature compelling research with significance to **Native communities advancing policy and innovation** related to:

- Environmental innovations and policy (e.g., climate change; food sovereignty and subsistence; environmental health);
- Public safety innovations and policy (e.g., Elder justice; preventing violence against women and children; alternative sentencing; law enforcement);
- Land into trust policy and innovation;
- Innovations in gauging the economic impact of tribal initiatives;
- Governance reform;
- Health and wellness innovations and policy (e.g., Affordable Care Act/Indian Health Care Improvement Act; public health policy; health research policy);
- Innovations in technology infrastructure and policy (telemedicine, data management, energy advancements, sharing information across large distances, media education, and digital teaching of culture and language);
- Education innovations and policy;
- Innovations in workforce preparedness and policy, especially STEM¹ careers; and
- Innovations in civic engagement (e.g., voting reform and youth and Elder engagement).

Presentations should identify how current research can lead to **policy impact or innovation**.

Proposals should be submitted via email to Cesar Alvarez at calvarez@ncai.org by 5pm EST on Friday, February 7, 2014.

¹ Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Presentation Formats: Participants can submit proposals to present using one of the following formats, including:

- **Panel** proposals: Proposals can include up to four presenters discussing a topic of significance to the Forum Theme from different regional, institutional, disciplinary, or policy perspectives. Presentations should feature research and data, discuss key links between research and policy, and/or advance policy discussions by using research and data. This format is different from the 'Individual Paper' proposal format because presenters propose a pre-formed group of panelists rather than have NCAI arrange the panel from separate proposals. It is important that proposals aim to coordinate panelists across tribes, geographic regions, institutions, disciplines, or policy perspectives to capture range. Panel proposals are not suitable for workshops or trainings.
- **Individual Paper** proposals: Proposals feature insights from a research or policy paper that has significance to the Forum theme. Selected proposals will be grouped as part of a panel by the NCAI reviewers.
- **Research/Policy Planning Roundtable** proposals: This format is most suitable to discuss topics that may not have a great deal of current research available or where policy may be stalled for specific reasons. Proposals can include up to four presenters and a particular set of objectives the session will help address related to the Forum theme, which may include goals related to developing a research or policy agenda, coordinating data collection efforts, and/or addressing research and policy obstacles. This format is not suitable for researchers to propose to collect data at the Forum.
- **Poster** proposals: Proposals can highlight completed or ongoing research with significance to the Forum theme. This format is most suitable for students, colleges and universities, and community programs to share information with tribal leaders and citizens on their efforts and programs.

Who Can Present: The Forum has featured work by tribally-based researchers, community members using program or other data to advance policy or develop research projects, university-based researchers, students, and tribal leaders. We welcome those with a demonstrated commitment to Native people whose insights can inform the development of effective policy and meaningful research.

Logistics & Expectations: The Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum will take place at the Dena'ina Civic & Convention Center in Anchorage, Alaska on Tuesday, **June 10th, 2014**, at NCAI's Mid-Year Conference. While students are encouraged to submit proposals, unfortunately at this time there are no NCAI scholarship funds to support their travel or costs. Selected presenters may be asked to participate in teleconferences before the conference to coordinate with others and receive support from NCAI staff about how best to prepare a presentation for tribal leaders. Selected presenters will be asked to submit final papers, poster files, and/or PowerPoint presentations to NCAI electronically by 5pm EST on Tuesday, May 27th, 2014, to post for Forum attendees.

Click [here](#) to link to a proposal template.

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