



# TRIBAL LEADER SCHOLAR FORUM FACT SHEET

## WHAT

Since 2006, the NCAI Policy Research Center has reserved a place for its one-day Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum during the Mid Year Conference. The Forum is designed to create a rich dialogue between researchers, practitioners, tribal leaders, policymakers, and program administrators around current research efforts and priorities in Native communities; from methods and findings to insights into local, regional, and national relevance, there has always been a great amount of learning to be shared. The Forum helps steward critical, futures-oriented, and data-driven conversations that are necessary for setting the policy agenda of the NCAI.

## WHO

The leadership of the NCAI launched the Policy Research Center in 2003 to serve as a think tank focused on critical issues facing tribal communities. The Center's mission is to provide tribal leaders with the best available knowledge to make strategic, proactive policy decisions in a framework of Native wisdom so that the future of Native peoples will be positively impacted.

## WHERE

Mohegan Sun  
1 Mohegan Sun Boulevard  
Uncasville, CT 06382

## WHEN

Wednesday, June 14, 2017

## 2017 TLSF Facts

### THEME

**“Sovereign Infrastructure:  
Building Our Communities from Our Values”**

What investments in the built environment, workforce, systems, and networks enable tribal nations to thrive? How can we use research and data to construct value-based communities and organizations that support the exercise of tribal sovereignty?

### INSIDE THE FORUM

12th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017.

9:10am – 12:00pm: General Assembly Plenary

A Research Response to the Federal Policy Agenda:  
Navigating Infrastructure, Tax, and  
Health Care Reforms

12:00 – 1:00pm: Poster Session

1:30 – 4:00pm: Breakout Sessions

What is our Economic Base? Mapping  
Industries and Capital on Tribal Lands

Serving our Students: New Futures for Tribal  
Education & Policy

Building Tribal Data Infrastructure

Using Data to Sustain Our Shared  
Natural Resources

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