

**Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit
Project Summary**

Project Title: Yellowstone Center for Resources Native American Student Internship Program

Discipline: Interdisciplinary
Type of Project: Technical Assistance/Education
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Cooperators: University of Montana
Student Involvement: yes, interns
Effective Dates: September 23, 2019 to September 16, 2024
Funding Amount: \$56,037

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Project Abstract Interns will provide technical support for resource management programs at Yellowstone National Park, to assist the park with meeting its legal and regulatory obligations and NPS mission to maintain, rehabilitate, and perpetuate the inherent integrity of the park's natural and cultural resources. Placement and specific internship activities will be made according park needs and the academic and work history of each Native American intern recruit. Interns will be provided all necessary training and equipment to carry out typical seasonal activities under the supervision and mentorship of NPS employees. Interns will be given opportunities to work with different work units on different types of tasks to expose them to a variety of NPS resource management work experiences, which will provide them with educational opportunities and support that will assist and guide them as they prepare for their careers.