

**2013 USDA LAND-GRANT DEVELOPMENT - TRIBAL FELLOWS  
APPLICATION FORM**

- Be an invaluable resource to your institution
- Learn about grants and other funding opportunities available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture

**ABOUT THE LAND-GRANT DEVELOPMENT TRIBAL FELLOWS PROGRAM**

The USDA Tribal Fellows Program offers a one-week intensive workshop available to 1994 Tribal Land-Grant faculty and staff. Over the course of the workshop fellows learn about programs and resources available through USDA and how to access them. Fellows are asked when they return to their institutions to apply their new found knowledge by developing a strategic plan to address the needs of their 1994 Tribal Land-Grant in the areas of agriculture, conservation, and the development of their rural communities. Fellows develop the plan in collaboration with their institution and community and can utilize the support of the USDA 1994 Tribal Land-Grant Colleges and Universities Program Staff.

USDA Tribal Fellows program participants learn about the role of USDA in the federal government and the various resources available to them throughout the Department. Fellows meet with USDA Program Leaders from various grant offering agencies to learn about competitive funding opportunities including those that apply preferential points to American Indian/Alaska Native applicants. They learn about projects other land-grants have done with USDA and ways that will help them improve the competitiveness of their applications and gain insight into creative ways of using grant opportunities. In addition, fellows get the opportunity to network with other TLGCU & 1862 faculty and staff, as well as, other federal departments working with American Indian/Alaska Native groups.

**ABOUT THE USDA 1994 TRIBAL LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (TLGCU) PROGRAM OFFICE:**

The USDA 1994 TLGCU Program works with 1994 tribal land-grant colleges and universities to develop their land-grant capacities and rural tribal economies to ensure the US' food security and reinforce tribal sovereignty.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

Applicants must be faculty or staff employed by a 1994 tribal land-grant college or university, preferably working in areas of agriculture, conservation, natural resource, science, or community development.

**APPLICANT CONTACT:**

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**1. FELLOWSHIP TYPE (SELECT ONE):**

- Land-Grant Development – Tribal Fellow** This fellowship is available to 1994 TCU faculty and staff working in the areas of agriculture, conservation, natural resource, science, or community development to broaden and deepen their understanding of USDA and to further advance the development of their school’s land-grant function. [Available 2013]
- Executive – Tribal Fellow** - This fellowship is available to 1994 TCU Presidents, Vice Presidents, Chancellors, and Senior Administrators to broaden and deepen their understanding of USDA and to further advance the development of tribal land-grant institutions. [Available 2014]
- Science – Tribal Fellow** - This fellowship is available to 1994 TCU faculty researchers and science research educators to broaden and deepen their understanding of USDA and aid in the development of their research programs. [Available 2015]
- Student Coordinator - Tribal Fellow** - This fellowship is available to 1994 TCU staff that works directly with students to provide guidance in identifying USDA scholarship and internship opportunities. [Available 2015]

**2. APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION:**

- a. Institution Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Professional Title: \_\_\_\_\_
- c. First name: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Institutional Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- f. City: \_\_\_\_\_
- g. State: \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Work E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_
- j. Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Work Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. APPLICANT ESSAY:**

Write a 1-2 page essay (double-space, times new roman, 12 point font) that:

- Describes the existing infrastructure of your schools land-grant related offices and any current initiatives;
- Describes the interests or needs of the tribal community served in the areas of agriculture, conservation, natural resource, science, and/or community development; and
- Describes the areas that you want to explore further development of - that relate to the advancement of your institutions’ land-grant capacity.

**4. APPLICANT RESUME:**

Submit a current resume or curriculum vitae.

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**5. LETTERS OF REFERENCE:**

Two professional letters of reference from colleagues or supervisors are required. References should be capable of detailing your work and how this fellowship would stand to benefit you professionally and the institution. Letters of reference are to be submitted directly by the reference to [1994@osec.usda.gov](mailto:1994@osec.usda.gov). It is your responsibility to notify the designated individual of the need to supply this reference and to ensure that they do so before the application's deadline.

Reference Name	Reference Title
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**APPLICATION SUBMISSION (INSTRUCTIONS/CHECKLIST):**

Please submit all documents to [1994@osec.usda.gov](mailto:1994@osec.usda.gov)

- Submit your own application materials *prior to submitting supporting documents* (letter of reference and statement of institutional support).
  - The below documents should be e-mailed with the subject line: Fellowship Application -- (Your Name/Institution):
    - application form*
    - essay*
    - resume*
- Applicant certification* should be signed by you, scanned, and e-mailed to [1994@osec.usda.gov](mailto:1994@osec.usda.gov) with the subject line: Fellowship Applicant Certification -- (Applicants Name/Institution)
- Letters of reference* should be scanned, e-mailed, and submitted directly by your references to [1994@osec.usda.gov](mailto:1994@osec.usda.gov) with the subject line: Fellowship Letter of Reference -- (Applicants Name/Institution)
- Statement of Institutional Support* should be scanned, e-mailed, and submitted directly by your designated official to [1994@osec.usda.gov](mailto:1994@osec.usda.gov) with the subject line: Fellowship Statement of Institutional Support -- (Applicants Name/Institution)