

October 21, 2025

## Call for Proposals, Fall 2025

- 1) CNAIS-sponsored Research, Creative Work and Outreach**
- 2) CNAIS-sponsored Speakers, Presentations and Events**

The Center for Native American and Indigenous Studies (CNAIS) is issuing a Call-for-proposals for research, creative works and outreach on Native and Indigenous Peoples; and for speakers and presentations on Native and Indigenous Peoples.

### 1) CNAIS-sponsored Research, Creative Work and Outreach

CNAIS seeks to support existing research and creative work, or seed new work. Proposals could also involve outreach efforts to Native and Indigenous communities. The awards will provide up to \$3000 of funding. Deadline to apply is Nov.7, 2025, with awards announced December 1, and the funds made available as soon as possible thereafter. Awards are for work beginning as soon as January 2026, and the funds must be used within one year of receipt unless otherwise approved, with a report back to CNAIS on the results.

Please submit your proposal by November 7, 2025 to [cowellj@colorado.edu](mailto:cowellj@colorado.edu), including:

a description of your proposed project (3 double-spaced pages maximum) (please indicate if IRB approval is required, and if it has been obtained)

a budget for the project (including other funding sources available or obtained)

CVs for all key participants

These awards are open to tenured and tenure-track faculty, teaching faculty, and graduate students in all schools and colleges of the campus. Funds will be transferred to a departmental speed-type, and unused funds will need to be returned if not used by the end of the project.

Awards criteria:

we prefer to support work that will directly benefit Native and Indigenous communities, so your proposal should detail how you will work with those communities, and how the results of your work will be shared with those communities or impact them.

we prefer to support graduate students, junior faculty, and junior teaching faculty, but all faculty are eligible to apply, and rewards will not be restricted to the “preferred” group. Rewards will be restricted to CU students and faculty however – they are not open to researchers or artists external to CU.

these awards are not primarily intended to support travel to conferences or presentations at conferences of the results of research. We will however consider such requests (if a presentation is involved) for *teaching faculty only*.

previous CNAIS awards recipients are eligible to re-apply, but will have lower priority

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## 2) CNAIS-sponsored Speakers, Presentations and Events

CNAIS seeks to support high-visibility speakers, colloquia, conferences, presentations or exhibitions on Native and Indigenous topics. The awards will provide up to \$3000 of funding. Deadline to apply is Nov. 7, 2025 with awards announced around Dec. 1, 2025, and the funds made available as soon as possible thereafter. Awards are for events beginning as soon as January 2026, and the funds must be used within one year of receipt unless otherwise approved, with a report back to CNAIS on the results.

Please submit your proposal by Nov. 7, 2025 to [cowellj@colorado.edu](mailto:cowellj@colorado.edu), including:

a description of your speaker or event (3 double-spaced pages maximum)  
a budget (including other funding sources obtained or to be sought, and partnering units)  
CV for the speaker(s)

Speakers and events may be proposed by tenured and tenure-track faculty, teaching faculty, and graduate students in all schools and colleges of the campus. Funds will be transferred to a departmental speed-type, and unused funds will need to be returned if not used by the end of the project.

Awards criteria:

we prefer to support speakers and events that are “high visibility” and will have broad appeal on the campus.

as a teaching and research center, we are looking to support academically-oriented events that present research and creative work, not events which are primarily oriented towards community-building, student support or similar goals, though of course the latter can be valuable subsidiary parts of a speaker visit or event, and such subsidiary components are encouraged.

events, speakers and performances can include Indigenous knowledge-bearers; they need not be restricted to those with university academic credentials.

these funds are for individuals external to CU – they are not intended to be used for presentations by CU students, staff or faculty.

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