First Peoples Worldwide
Sustainable Development Fellowship (One-Year)
January 6, 2021

First Peoples Worldwide (First Peoples) addresses the unique social and environmental impacts of development in Indigenous communities, while preparing current and future leaders to meet the pressing social responsibility challenges facing today's businesses. Through capacity-building sessions, industry conference presentations, community advocacy, and major research projects, our work increases accountability, furthers human rights-based engagement between investors and Indigenous Peoples and helps to protect the planet for all.

Job Summary

This Fellowship is a one-year, grant-funded position that will primarily focus on forwarding Native food sovereignty. First Peoples is developing a business incubator to champion Native food sovereignty. Through the incubator, Native food suppliers and entrepreneurs will have access to tailored technical assistance to pivot their business plans, to create risk analysis scenarios, to plan strategically for integrating their product into the market, and to create plans for long-term resilience and success in the post-COVID food market. The long-term goal of this project is to harness this moment of economic repair to build new structures that amplify and support sustainable Native food systems for generations.

The Sustainable Development Fellow will be responsible for implementing and managing the Native food business incubator to include: facilitating entrepreneurship and small business development; coordinating delivery of tools to partners and stakeholders; coordinating mentorship and business training opportunities; informing business owners of opportunities available through the incubator; and coordinating with partners within and outside the University. The Fellow will also be responsible for conducting research related to the project. This Fellowship will also have the opportunity to collaborate on other First Peoples’ initiatives, so it is encouraged that applicants review First People’s current work and programs at https://www.colorado.edu/program/fpw/about.

Minimum Requirements (education and experience)

- Required: Associate’s or Bachelor’s Degree. Preferred: Graduate Degree
- Experience in project planning or project management.
- Experience and excellence in writing for different audiences.
- Ability to work within culturally diverse communities.

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Competencies/Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities

- Strong verbal and written communication skills.
- Performing factual research and analysis.
- Assessing, interpreting and evaluating outcomes of research.
- Strong interpersonal and organizational skills.
- Excellent problem-solving skills, organization, and the ability to work independently.
- Ability to meet deadlines.
- Ability to work independently and remotely.
- Collaborative.

Compensation/Benefits
The salary for this position is $55,000. This is a full-time, grant-funded, one-year position offered as a consultant position.

Application Requirements
Please submit the following to fpw@colorado.edu by 5:00 pm MST February 5, 2021.

- Resume
- 2-3 references
- Cover letter