



TRIBAL SOLAR
ACCELERATOR FUND

GRID Alternatives

1120 W. 12th Ave
Denver, CO 80204

303-968-1629
tribalsolar.org

2021 Tribal College and University Student Internship Application – January 1 – June 30, 2021

APPLICATION MATERIALS DUE DECEMBER 11, 2020 BY 5PM MST

Application Instructions:

Please refer to the TSAF-TCU Internship guidelines document for important dates for internship eligibility, duties, timeline, reporting, and compensation. You will find all information below on how to submit your internship application. The application sections are divided into two parts: 1) Application Information and 2) Narrative Questions

Application Information - Please answer questions 1 - 5. Your application information section will likely be 1 page in length.

Narrative Questions - There are five sections that require a full narrative response to the question(s), please pay close attention to the suggested word count. Your Narrative Questions section should be between 3 - 5 pages. Questions within this section will provide the TSAF staff and review team with qualitative and quantitative data needed for scoring all applications.

Helpful Hints

- Please thoroughly read the application, and direct questions to Tanksi Clairmont at tclairmont@gridalternatives.org.
- All questions are required to be completed unless stated as “if applicable.”
- Application information questions plus the narrative section may not exceed 5 pages, TSAF will only review and score the first 5 pages and disregard any additional pages.
- ***IMPORTANT*** Please combine all application materials (application background information + narrative sections + academic reference+ unofficial transcript) into ONE PDF file, if you send an application with multiple attachments, only the first attachment will be reviewed.

PLEASE COPY AND PASTE THE APPLICATION INFORMATION AND NARRATIVE PROPOSAL QUESTIONS BELOW INTO A SEPARATE WORD DOCUMENT TO COMPLETE YOUR RESPONSES. PLEASE SUBMIT QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES AS ONE PDF FILE.

Application Information:

1. Heading: 2021 TCU Student Internship Application: Applicant Name
2. Applicant Information: *Name, Address, Email Address, Phone Number, tribal affiliation*) applicant traditional tribal name and translation if available
3. Tribal college/university Name and contact information (*Address, Phone Number*) cumulative GPA __
4. TCU being served: (*In 150 words or less, please provide a brief background statement about your personal interest and goals to work with your tribe/TCU*)
5. Have you, or your TCU worked with GRID Alternatives? If yes, what type of solar project? ___Community ___Residential ___other

Narrative Questions:

- **Solid and concrete matches between internship goals and a career pathway in the renewable energy sector**
 1. Enter a 250-400 word narrative response that addresses the energy issue that you are most interested in entering upon finishing your academic career. Please include how you will: look to and utilize tribal energy and non-tribal energy experts; identify priorities of your tribal community while taking tribal assets, resources, and cultural impacts into consideration.
- **Clear focus on learning about developing and planning renewable energy infrastructure in your tribal community**
 1. Provide a brief introduction to your community. What do we need to understand about your community to better understand the energy issues facing your tribe?
- **Demonstrated ability and commitment necessary for a successful internship**
 1. Describe why you are positioned to be a TCU student leader on energy issues for your TCU and/or tribe.
- **Clear plan of action, including specific goals and measurable objectives**

Please state your primary objectives for a TCU internship position. Questions to consider, please use the questions below to guide your primary objectives.

1. How did you decide to focus on studying environmental science (or similar degree program) including how your TCU offers renewable energy courses and content?
 2. Please share what your top three personal goals toward a career in renewable energy? What is your plan of action to achieve your goals? And how will you measure success?
 3. What are the top three potential TCU or tribal community impacts from renewable energy development?
- **Partnerships that engage TCU/tribal community participation and support**
 1. Describe the academic work that brought you to this point and how it has influenced your outlook toward a career in renewable energy? Include any relevant experience you've had or current renewable energy resources in your TCU/tribal community.

APPLICATION ATTACHMENTS: (please include attachments in the full PDF file)

1. Unofficial transcript
2. One recommendation letter: the letter should be no more than one page on official TCU letterhead from any one of the following: dean, counselor, instructor/professor, or TCU leadership. The reference letter should speak to your interest, engagement, dependability, and commitment to academics, while addressing your potential for a career in renewable energy.

Upon selection, a signed acknowledgement form accepting Wells Fargo Program Funds will be required. A "fill in the blanks" letter template will be provided to selected interns.

Thank you for applying to the Tribal College & University Internship program through the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund!