



**Summary of Internship position:**

This unique internship opportunity will allow an intern to gain experience in many aspects of the non-profit solar industry. The intern will assist in developing research and literature reviews, website presence and social media outreach, and some exposure to philanthropic fundraising. The TSAF is excited to share our mission, vision, and goals through an internship by developing renewable energy-related communication skills, industry knowledge, and possible hands-on learning experiences. **Internship application deadline is December 11, 2020 by 5pm MST.**

**Internship criteria:**

This internship requires an undergraduate upperclassman (sophomore-senior) or graduate student enrolled in an accredited Tribal College/University. The TSAF intern(s) will enjoy working autonomously and with a team in a virtual collaborative setting with peers with varying interests and goals!

- Strong verbal and written communication skills
- Takes direction easily
- Working knowledge of Google Applications
- Experience working with website and social media platforms in some capacity
- Self-Starter with a good sense of (Native) humor and professionalism
- Committed to high-quality research and writing that will advance one's tribal community in renewable energy planning

Academic criteria:

- >3.0GPA
- Environmental science/sustainability degree program with access to/or embedded renewable energy curriculum (preferred)

**Duties include:**

TSAF specific research and writing skills will be a priority objective in the internship. The research and writing (literature reviews, white papers, blogs, etc.) will provide an overall picture of the Tribal energy sovereignty landscape on; Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK), Community Solar for low-income and communities of color, in particular Tribal communities, primary data collection on existing and current tribal solar projects and programs, and other possible topics.

The intern will assist the TSAF Director in website and social media ideas in a culturally relevant way, including videos, blog postings, e-newsletters, website content updates, social media events, etc.

Philanthropic fundraising learning experiences will take place through virtual meetings with GRID Staff, prospective funders, and/or individualized mentorship with the VP of Philanthropy and TSAF Director.



**Projects Timeline:**

Deliverable	Task(s)	Timeframe/hours	Progress	Outcome
Research and writing: Literature Review on Tribal Energy Resilience and Sovereignty, possible data collection projects	Research energy resilience and sovereignty topics using sources on but not limited to: TEK, STEM in tribal communities, community solar programs, low income/communities of color access to solar, etc.	Up to 80 hours of research and writing	Literature review outline due February  Compile list of sources by February  Draft literature review by April  Finalize by May	To inform the TSAF and solar industry on current research in energy resilience and sovereignty in tribal communities
Website and social media assistance	Provide draft TSAF website content, generate ideas for social media presence	Create 2-4 website ideas from January - June 2021  Up to 2 social media ideas efforts per month	Monitor renewable industry news, blogs, podcasts	To increase the TSAF presence and credibility in the solar industry, and in Indian Country
Philanthropic Fundraising Learning	Prospect research for corporate and foundation funders	TBD	TBD	Qualified prospects lists with key strategies

**Reports to:**

TSAF Director, Tanksi Clairmont at [tclairmont@gridalternatives.org](mailto:tclairmont@gridalternatives.org) and/or 303-968-1629, and with the VP of Philanthropy, Adam Bad Wound at [abadwound@gridalternatives.org](mailto:abadwound@gridalternatives.org) and/or 510-646-8220

- Individual internship plans will be developed with the TSAF director
- Monthly cohort Zoom check-ins will be scheduled through June 2021
- Emails and other correspondence on a regular basis as necessary

**Compensation:**

TSAF interns will be paid a monthly stipend of \$400 (estimated at a rate of 5hours/week). All compensation will be outlined in the Individual Internship plan at the beginning of the internship.