

BUDGET PROPOSAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Department Name: Office of Indigenous Engagement

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Department Head Approval:

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Requested Amount: **\$10,331**

Departmental Information

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - CRITERIA

In leading the Office of Indigenous Engagement, our priority is to create a sustainable and supportive environment for Native and Indigenous students and community initiatives. Since the start of my tenure, I have recognized the essential need for a strong team to effectively support both the internal and external functions of our office. Currently, we rely on a single student employee, and with the recent loss of a full-time staff member, our ability to facilitate events and manage student-led activities has been significantly impacted.

As the Tribal Liaison, my role involves outreach and collaboration with Tribal communities, educational programs, and university stakeholders. While student engagement is integral to our mission, balancing these responsibilities with external obligations makes it challenging to consistently oversee student activities. To bridge this gap, we need additional staff support to ensure that student programs and events receive the dedicated guidance and resources they deserve. Securing funding for additional student personnel would directly contribute to the development and continuity of a vibrant Indigenous student community at the University, reinforcing our commitment to cultural engagement, academic success, and leadership development.

STUDENT UTILIZATION

Additional SAFC funds will benefit students in these ways; by providing a student income, work and leadership experience.

SPECIAL ALLOCATIONS - STATEMENT OF ASSURANCES

I would assure that we hire a student employee by Winter quarter.

SERVICE BENEFITS TO STUDENTS

Securing additional funding to establish this position on campus is essential for supporting our Native American and Indigenous students meaningfully. As we are currently short one full-time staff member, this additional funding will help alleviate the demands on our sole student employee, enabling them to balance their responsibilities effectively. This position will not only ease their workload but also enhance their experience, allowing them to focus on learning and growth without the pressure of managing more than their fair share.

My experience managing student employees has shown that these roles foster a sense of belonging, create a community within the university, and equip students with skills in leadership, project management, and community outreach that extend well beyond the classroom. For Native and Indigenous students, this role is particularly impactful, as it enables them to support initiatives that represent and uplift their communities—a growing and vital presence in the state's higher education landscape.

To ensure long-term stability and keep our office on track, I am also moving quickly to release the full-time position's job announcement. This will help balance the workload and ensure continuity in our efforts. Establishing this additional position will make a lasting, positive difference for our students, providing them with a unique and deeply meaningful experience during their time at the university.

Staff Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
	\$16.28 per hour/19 hours per week. E001	
Student Staff ³	Student Staff Wages:	\$7,424
	Fringe @ 23%:	\$1,707
	PERSONNEL TOTAL:	\$9,131

Other Budget Requests

Category	Details	Amount Requested
Travel	Travel for students to attend community events for tabling and other work-related events/activities. S001	\$1,200
	SUPPLEMENTAL TOTAL:	\$1,200

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COMPLETE PROPOSAL TOTAL:	\$10,331

Supplemental Documents