Internships

Indian Land Tenure Foundation College Internship Program

ILTF is keenly interested in offering college students paid intern experiences involving Indian land on Indian reservations. Our first participant was DeVina Red Horse. De Vina was featured in the Indian Land Tenure's Annual Report. www.indianlandtenure.org/PDF%20Files/ILTF%20%2705%20Annual%20Report%20(LRz).pdf

DeVina Red was selected as the Indian Land Tenure Foundation's intern for the summer of 2005. DeVina is a promising Black Hills State University student who demonstrated an interest in Indian land tenure issues. DeVina enrolled in and completed *POLS 492: American Indians and Their Lands*, a course instructed by Dr. John Glover supported by the funds through a recent grant from the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. Upon completion of the course DeVina became eligible to propose an internship plan. With her solid theoretical understanding of Indian land tenure issues and her specific interest in Indian land tenure issues DeVina was selected to engage in the eight-week internship experience with the Cheyenne-River Sioux Tribe.

The internship provided an important experiential component to the newly offered *American Indians and Their Lands* course. The internship also encouraged DeVina's interest in Tribal land issues by allowing her to apply what she learned in a mentored environment. Not only did this placement provide DeVina with the opportunity to acquire a more in-depth understanding of and skills to address Indian land tenure issues it also provided an opportunity to collaborate with Tribal agencies and leaders to meet the education and training needs within the communities.

Presently, NEE is seeking additional funding for future internship opportunities to be offered statewide at South Dakota Universities and Colleges.

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