

Indian Forest Management Assessment Team (IFMAT) IV - Call for Student Participants

Do you want to gain exposure to tribal programs, be involved in a national policy assessment and learn more about how tribes manage their forests? Then consider becoming a Student Participant for the IFMAT report!

The National Indian Forest Resource Management Act (NIFRMA) calls for an independent, decadal assessment of the status of tribal forests and forest management, otherwise known as the Indian Forest Management Assessment Team report. IFMAT I, II, III reports can be found online at www.itcnet.org and recruitment for Student Participants (SPs) for the 4th IFMAT report is now underway.

Roles and expectations of SPs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Participate in a minimum of 5-7 site visits - including field trips and presentations* ● Participate, when available, in pre-visit Zoom meetings and scoping sessions (especially for sites that the SP will attend in person) ● Assist, when possible, in running tribal member focus groups and other interactive discussions* ● Assist, when possible, with student and youth engagement during site visits, including possible informal mentoring sessions* ● Contribute, as appropriate, insights and comments regarding any of the Tasks where student experience and graduate work provides an opportunity ● Participate in communication of process, results and findings as possible, including Intertribal Timber Council (ITC) Symposia and other events but not to exceed funding cycle*
Funding	SPs will be provided with a \$10,000 award split over a 2 year period (\$5k/yr). Additionally, all travel expenditures and costs will be covered for the student and arranged for by IFMAT IV project coordinator. Participation requires a contract with ITC and a Federal Tax form (1099-misc) will be issued for funds received. SPs will be assigned a mentor to provide technical assistance.
Candidate requirements	Must be enrolled in a natural resource graduate program (or related discipline) and be willing to serve for 2 years with a majority of the work occurring from Feb 2021 through Feb 2023. Applicants do not have to be a member of a federally recognized tribe but Indian preference will be a component in the selection process. Preference will be given to graduate students with an expected graduation date of after Feb 2023. A selection committee will review student applications and make evaluations based on responses to elements listed below.
To Apply	<p>In your application letter please answer all of the following: Why would you like to participate in the IFMAT process? How do your academic goals and cultural perspectives relate to tribal forestry and forest management? How might this experience impact your career goals?</p> <p>Include a copy of your CIB or tribal identification (if applicable), your contact information (email and phone number), resume/CV, and most recent unofficial transcripts. If you have not begun coursework, a copy of your acceptance letter in lieu of transcripts will suffice. If you have any questions about the application process you may contact ifmatasp@gmail.com for more information.</p>
Deadline	All materials must be received by 5pm on November 1, 2020 and should be emailed to ifmatasp@gmail.com . A maximum of three SPs will be selected and notified by email on or before Dec 1, 2020.

**We are closely monitoring COVID-19 situation and the feasibility of in-person gatherings. Alternatives that seek to reduce the spread will be utilized to the fullest extent possible.*