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Intertribal Agriculture Council and Natural Resource Conservation Center

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CommunityCentered Food Systems, Wellness, and Healing



Pée túu (Hello)



- Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians
- Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food
- Masters in Public Health Candidate
- CA Youth Intern IAC & NRCS

Why This Internship Matters for Native Youth in Agriculture

Community Care / Relational Care
For rural native families 💖💖





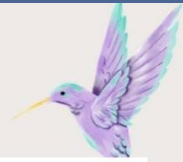
NRCS Site Visit



Conversations with Peers in Agriculture



Highlights



HISTORY OF BISON

HONORING HISTORY, CULTURE, AND RESILIENCE

Significance of Bison

- Essential to Indigenous life: food, tools, shelter, and cultural significance.
- Shaped ecosystems: maintained grasslands, supported biodiversity, and enriched soil.
- Once, 30–60 million roamed North America.

Near-Extinction

- By the late 1800s, over 99.9% of bison were gone due to systematic hunting, westward expansion, and U.S. government policies targeting the food, culture, and way of life of American Indian communities.

Cultural & Food Connection

- Exploring Indigenous foodways reconnects us to Mother Earth and her gifts, awakens our taste buds, and honors ancestral knowledge.

Nutritional & Cost Considerations

- Bison is often marketed as leaner and higher in protein than beef; *however*, its fat content varies.
*Always check the nutrition label.
- Fat levels affect saturated fat and cholesterol content.
- Some beef options (e.g., 97% lean / 3% fat) are actually leaner and lower in calories than typical bison (~90/10).

Impacts



Applications are now
open until April 20, 2026



◆◆ YOUTH PROGRAM ◆◆ SUMMER INTERNSHIP

The Intertribal Agriculture Council is recruiting college and graduate students enrolled in majors or certificate programs in agriculture, environmental studies, natural resources, or food systems. Enjoy professional travel opportunities to conferences, field days, and events—all covered by a full scholarship.

10-15 selected interns will engage in a 12-14-week paid internship between **May and September**. This internship will follow a hybrid model of in-person and virtual activities. Interns will dedicate 25-35 hours per week to site-based and remote activities.



SCAN TO APPLY OR VISIT
indianag.org/youth

QUESTIONS? EMAIL US AT
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**APPLICATIONS DUE
APRIL 20, 2026**

 **USDA** Natural Resources Conservation Service
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Specialist - Azelya Yazzie



- Assist in CA outreach & technical assistance for NRCS EQIP & CSP programs
- Promote connections between tribes & NRCS field offices
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**Grateful to Share
Tuuwuù'kh (Thank you)**

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