



UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
Office of International Affairs

University of Oregon – University of Otago
Indigenous Studies Exchange (ISE) Program
2020 Call for Applications

The UO-Otago Indigenous Studies Exchange (ISE) program provides unique opportunities for select students from each campus to immerse themselves in Native American and Indigenous Studies academic and cultural activities in an international context. The Division of Global Engagement will offer a full scholarship to a UO student to participate in the ISE program during the Fall 2020 Semester (July – November) at the University of Otago.

Native American Studies (NAS) Minors at the University of Oregon will have the opportunity to explore Indigenous sovereignty and Native studies through the lens of the University of Otago's Te Tumu School of Māori, Pacific and Indigenous Studies programs, an experience designed to help students frame their understanding of Native American and Indigenous Studies topics in the United States within a broader international Indigenous Studies perspective. Similarly, University of Otago students will have the opportunity to live with, learn from, and work alongside Native American students, Native American Studies minors, and tribal communities in and around the University of Oregon.

Scholarship Details

The UO-Otago ISE Scholarship will cover the full cost of tuition, room and board, airfare, passport and visa application fees (if applicable), and additional fees associated with required course or extra-curricular activities (if applicable).

Application Details

To apply for the UO-Otago ISE Scholarship, submit the following materials (in word or pdf format) in one email to williamj@uoregon.edu by 5pm on Friday January 3rd, 2020.

- **Unofficial transcript**
- **Letter of recommendation** from an employer, volunteer coordinator, or member of a tribal community (Your recommendation letter may be submitted separately by the recommender to: williamj@uoregon.edu).
- **A Personal Statement** that explains your desire to participate in the UO-Otago ISE exchange (2-3 pgs max). Your personal statement should also address the following two topics:
 1. Your academic goals and expectations for participation in this program.
 2. Examples of your community engagement and/or extra-curricular activities that are relevant for this program.
- **Essay Question** (1 pg max): In what ways has your NAS coursework and/or your experience in college prepared you to participate in the UO-Otago Indigenous Studies Exchange program?

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AWARD SELECTION CRITERIA:

Minimum Qualifications

- GPA of 3.0 or above*
- NAS Minor
- 2 years of relevant coursework (1 year of which must be taken at UO)
- Sophomore in standing

*Exceptions to the GPA requirement will be considered on a case by case basis. Prospective applicants who have less than a 3.0 GPA must meet with the GEO advisor and NAS faculty representative prior to applying for an exception.

Preferred Qualifications

- Member of federally recognized tribal community
- Junior standing or above

Selection Committee

Applications will be reviewed by a committee consisting of NAS Faculty, DGE staff, and the Assistant Vice President and Advisor to the President on Sovereignty and Government to Government Relations.

Application Timeline

- All application materials must be submitted to williamj@uoregon.edu no later than 5pm on Friday January 3, 2020.
- The selection committee will review the application materials from January 3rd to January 15th.
- If necessary, candidate interviews will be held in late January.
- Scholarship Award letters will be issued no later than mid- February.

Additional Information - IMPORTANT

All UO-Otago ISE participants will be required to apply for the program through the Global Education Oregon (GEO) website (GEO.geo.uoregon.edu) no later than February 1, 2020. A scholarship award offer does not constitute acceptance into the program; receipt of scholarship funds is subject to the student's completion of all aspects of the GEO application and acceptance of GEO policies and procedures.