

## National Science Foundation New Requirements for Tribal Consultation and Approval

“Proposals that may impact the resources or interests of a federally recognized American Indian or Alaska Native Tribal Nation **will not be awarded by NSF** without prior written approval from the official designed by the relevant Tribal Nation.”

Proposers seeking NSF funding for such proposals **must:**

- a) Seek guidance from the potentially impacted Tribal Nation regarding which activity requires review and prior approval from an authorized designee of the Tribal Nation; and
- b) Based on the guidance received, submit a written request to the relevant Tribal Nation for approval to carry out the proposed activity that requires Tribal Nation review and approval.

<https://new.nsf.gov/policies/pappg/24-1/ch-2-proposal-preparation#ch2B1>

## NSF EXAMPLES OF TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT

- Research or projects that involve Tribal Nation members and would involve the Tribal Nation in any way. Includes referencing a Tribal Nation in materials, public forums, or publications.
- Carrying out studies or research on Tribal Nation reservations, territories, and other locations where Tribal Nations have legally protected rights to resources or to engage in activities.
- Using Tribal Nation controlled information or data in research.

**NOTE: All Tribal Nations will have an independent mechanism to review and approve research. RII NPTAO will provide technical assistance to faculty and staff to assist with determining these requirements.**