



## Research Consent Form Current Interns



**Title of Study:** Kresge Inquiry Project  
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### Introduction

You are being invited to participate in a research study. Before you agree to be in the study, read this form carefully. It explains why we are doing the study; and the procedures, risks, discomforts, benefits and precautions involved. At any time, you may ask one of the researchers to explain anything about the study that you do not understand.

It's important you are completely truthful about your eligibility to be in this study. You do not have to be in this study. Your participation is voluntary.

Take as much time as you need to decide. If you agree now but change your mind, you may quit the study at any time. Just let one of the researchers know you do not want to continue.

### Why are we doing this study?

We are doing this study to find out the process and value of internship programs to students, tribal colleges, and internship sites within three tribal colleges. Questions are not sensitive in nature, you will be asked to respond to questions about internship expectation, experience, and outcomes; career readiness; professional skills and attitude, and; communication from your perspective.

Benefits of research cannot be guaranteed but we hope to learn about best practices for developing internships within the context of Tribal Colleges and Universities.

### Why are we asking you to be in this study?

We are asking you to be in this study because you are a current intern at Stone Child College.

### How many people will be in this study?

We expect to enroll 30 participants at Stone Child College.

### What will you be asked to do if you agree to be in the study?

If you agree to be in this study you will be asked to complete a survey before you start your internship and another one after you complete your internship. In addition, you will be asked to participate in a one-hour focus group regarding your internship experience.

**How long will you be in the study?**

The study will take about 20 minutes for the pre-survey and 30 minutes per post-survey of your time. The focus group will take approximately one and a half hours.

**What are your choices if you do not volunteer to be in this research study?**

If you decide not to be in the study, your other choices may include:

- Receive standard internship experience without being in a study.

**What if you agree to be in the study now, but change your mind later?**

You do not have to stay in the study. You may withdraw from the study at any time without consequence. If you decide to withdraw let Jolin Sunchild know of your decision. You will still be able to complete your internship program.

**What if the study changes while you are in it?**

If anything about the study changes or if we want to use your information in a different way, we will tell you and ask if you if you want to stay in the study. We will also tell you about any important new information that may affect your willingness to stay in the study.

**Is there any way being in this study could be bad for you?**

If you participate in this study, you may feel discomfort answering questions about your internship experience.

**Will being in this study help you in any way?**

We cannot promise you will benefit from being in this study, but you may help improve the internship program for future interns.

**Who will pay for the costs of your participation in this research study?**

You will receive \$20 gift card for participating in the focus group and \$20 gift card for pre/post survey.

**Who will know that you are in in this study and who will have access to the information we collect about you?**

The research team, the other focus group participants and the Stone Child College IRB will have access to your study records.

**How will we protect your private information and the information we collect about you?**

We will treat your identity with professional standards of confidentiality and protect your private information to the extent allowed by law. To protect individual privacy, the following procedures will be implemented. Focus groups and interviews will convene in private rooms away from busy hallways and office space. Using the consent form, research staff will inform participants about the audio recording. Participants will be told when the recorder is turned on and off. Transcriptions will be stripped on any identifying information. During focus groups, participants will be told that they cannot disclose the identity of other participants nor information shared during the discussion. Participants will be urged to put their consent form in a safe place so that others won't stumble across it and ask questions. At the end of each focus group, a member of the research team will make sure the exit door is clear of many people to reduce the risk of participants being asked why they were in the room or what the gathering was about. Audio

recordings and transcripts will be kept on a password protected computer. Only research staff will have access to the raw data.

To protect confidentiality of individual data, the following procedures will be implemented. Prior to accessing any study related information, research staff will be required to sign statements agreeing to protect the security and confidentiality of identifiable information. Paper-based records will be kept in a secure location and only be accessible to research staff involved in the study. Computer-based files will be encrypted and only made available to research staff involved in the study using secure access privileges and passwords. Identifiers will be removed from study related information. Audio recordings of participants will be transcribed and then destroyed to eliminate audible identification of subjects.

We will not use your name or other information that could identify you in any reports or publications that result from this study.

**Do the researchers have monetary interests tied to this study?**

The researchers and/or their families have no financial interest in this study

**Who can you contact if you have questions about the study or want to report an injury?**

At any time, if you have questions about this study or wish to report an injury that may be related to your participation in this study, contact Crystal LoudHawk-Hedgepeth at (303) 426-8900 or Jessie Jones, Jolin Sunchild at (406) 395-4875.

**Who can you contact if you want to discuss a problem or complaint about the research or ask about your rights as a research participant?**

You may discuss a problem or complaint or ask about your rights as a research participant by calling Larry Gomoll at Stone Child College IRB at (406) 395-4875 Ext 3259.

**Agreement to be in study**

If you agree to participate in this study, you must sign this consent form to take part in the study and consent to having the focus group tape-recorded. We will give you a copy of this form to keep for your reference.

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Participant's Name Printed

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Signature of Participant

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Date

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Assigned Unique ID #:

*Circle One:* Current Intern    Former Intern    Intern Supervisor    Staff    Faculty    Leadership    Emergency Aid

Staff Initials: