

4th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum



June 16, 2009

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Policy Research Center is currently inviting scholars and organizations conducting research with practical implications for tribal communities to submit a proposal to make a presentation at the **4th Annual Tribal Leader/Scholar Forum on June 16, 2009 at the NCAI Mid-Year Session in Niagara Falls, New York.**

Scholars (both Native and non-Native), institutions, and tribal organizations may apply. Proposals from tribal colleges, Native Ph.D. students, and tribal communities are encouraged. Research from all disciplines and fields are considered, but this year preference will be given to research proposals that address law enforcement/public safety, natural resources management, strategies for strengthening tribal governance, or tribal intergovernmental relationships. Both completed and on-going research (with preliminary findings) will be considered.

This opportunity allows eight selected researchers to share their work broadly throughout Indian Country, specifically targeting tribal policymakers. It also offers a forum for dialogue between tribal representatives and researchers, providing feedback to researchers about the implications, impact, and potential next steps of their work.

To apply, please submit a presentation proposal (no more than three pages total) that includes the following information:

- Presentation title
- Presenter's name, affiliation(s), and contact information
- Other contributors' names and affiliations (if any)
- The topic area of the research
- A one-page summary of findings (which may be preliminary)
- A description of the research's policy or practice relevance at the tribal and national level

If selected, researchers will present their research to both the larger General Assembly, an audience comprised of tribal leaders, tribal program directors, and intertribal organization directors and staff from across the country, and during a breakout session. Both the General Assembly session and concurrent breakout session will occur on Tuesday, June 16th; presenters whose proposals are accepted must participate in both the General Assembly and breakout sessions.

At the Forum, up to eight (8) selected presenters will give 15-minute presentations (with Power Point slides), share an abstract of their work (no more than 5 pages), and participate in an afternoon breakout session where in-depth dialogue about their work will occur. Breakout sessions (approximately 2½ hours long) will feature three or four researchers and policymakers making brief presentations on a similar topic area, and are organized to provide an opportunity for scholars and tribal representatives to engage one another on the research questions, methods, findings, and implications of the research.

Proposals should be submitted to Christina Daulton, Program Manager, NCAI Policy Research Center via email at cdaulton@ncai.org by **Friday, February 20, 2009**. No mailed copies or faxes please. The proposals accepted for presentation at the NCAI Mid-Year Session will be announced by March 13, 2009. A limited number of \$1,000 travel stipends are available. If selected, presenter abstracts and Power Point presentations are due May 15, 2009.

For information about previous Tribal Leader/Scholar Forums, see www.ncaiprc.org. For questions, please contact Christina Daulton at (202) 466-7767 or email at cdaulton@ncai.org.
