



## How to Apply Applications

due March 16, 2018

- 1) Fill out and submit materials at [www.hersinstitute.org](http://www.hersinstitute.org)
- 2) Letter of Interest: Send a 1-2 page letter explaining your interest in a HERS internship, a description of previous internships or research experience, your academic goals, and how you will apply this experience in your communities.
- 3) Two Letters of Recommendation. We require both an academic letter of recommendation as well as a character reference.
- 4) College or university transcripts.
- 5) 1 writing sample (see website for more details).

Questions? Contact Program Coordinator, Katrina McClure at [HERS@ku.edu](mailto:HERS@ku.edu)



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Haskell Environmental Research Studies

## Summer Internship Program

## Climate & Environmental Change in Indigenous Communities



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## Overview



Climate & environmental change is altering the landscapes and lifeways of many Native communities. The Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) Summer Internship program is dedicated to preparing tribal college students for scientific and technical careers to help meet the challenges of climate change. The goal of the HERS Institute is to promote Indigenous research methodologies by drawing on knowledge from Native peoples to develop broad understandings and strategies for responding to climate change in Indigenous communities.

The HERS Summer Internship program is a collaboration among:

- Haskell Indian Nations University
- University of Kansas
- Haskell Environmental Research Studies Institute
- Center for Indigenous Research, Science, and Ecology
- NSF Kansas EPSCoR Program

## Program

The HERS Institute is a 8-week paid summer internship program. Interns spend five weeks on campus during June and July in classrooms and laboratories learning about climate change, and developing individual research projects. Interns spend another two weeks in July conducting research in the field.

Interns will work closely with KU PhD students studying the effects of climate change on natural and human systems and will design independent research projects on climate change in a Native community of their choice. After the summer program, during the academic year, HERS Interns have many opportunities to present their work at professional meetings, workshops, and conferences such as Society for Advancing Chicanos & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) or American Indian Science and Engineering Society(AISES).



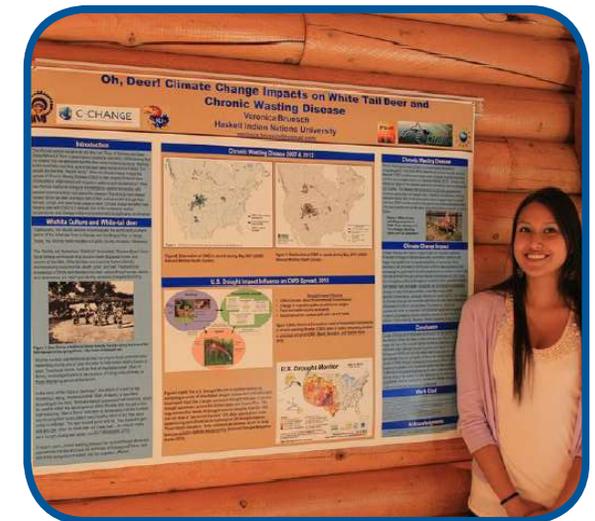
Director, Dr. Johnson with the 2014 HERS Summer Institute Interns and graduate students (mentors).

## Support

HERS interns will receive the following:

- summer stipend
- housing accommodations
- use of laptop computer and software

Interns will have access to KU's libraries and research databases.



HERS Intern, Veronica Bruesch, presents research poster

## Eligibility

To be considered for the HERS Internship Program, applicants must be undergraduate students or recently graduated, in good standing, and eligible for enrollment in a tribal college or university.