

## IMPORTANT DATES

### Application Period

July 5<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Selected Applicants Notified

First week of August 2011

### Program Orientation

Late August 2011

### Program Duration

September 2011-May 2012

### Final Report Published

Summer 2012



EPA has a new program conducting research in partnership with Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs). Professors from TCUs will receive funding and technical support from EPA to solve the environmental problems most important to their tribal communities.

EPA and our Tribal partners aim to promote environmental protection and improve economic opportunities by supporting Tribal environmental research.

For more information about this program, please visit [www.epa.gov/ecoambassadors/tribal](http://www.epa.gov/ecoambassadors/tribal)

For additional information on environmental Tribal activities, please visit the EPA Tribal website at [www.epa.gov/indian](http://www.epa.gov/indian)

**U.S. Environmental  
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## **TRIBAL ecoAMBASSADORS PROGRAM**

Office of International and Tribal Affairs



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## Frequently Asked Questions

**Q: How would an institution benefit from this program?**

**A:** A TCU professor will have access to EPA research resources, an opportunity to develop relationships with other TCU colleagues, and financial and technical support to help publish their work.

The students gain hands-on experience with research and policymaking.

**Q: Will there be a second year of this program?**

**A:** 2011 is the pilot year of the program, and we have set aside a limited amount of funding to ensure its success on a small scale. For next year, after making any needed improvements, we intend to expand the program by selecting a larger group of Tribal ecoAmbassadors and engaging other partners to help support the program.

**Q: How can I apply?**

**A:** You can check out our website at [www.epa.gov/ecoambassadors/tribal](http://www.epa.gov/ecoambassadors/tribal) or contact EPA's Marissa McInnis at (202) 564-2467 or [mcinnis.marissa@epa.gov](mailto:mcinnis.marissa@epa.gov)

### Application Process

**Professors can submit a proposal that includes:**

- Specific problem to be researched:
  - What is the issue?
  - What is the goal of the project?
  - Itemized budget request
  - Timeline
  - Other resources needed for project success
- Identified group of students who will support the research efforts
- A course plan that would illuminate for students the various steps required to conduct research and identify implementable solutions

### Tribal ecoAmbassador Duties

**Once selected, Tribal ecoAmbassadors will meet with EPA to begin their one year tenure. This will include:**

- Orientation led by EPA's Headquarters or Regional Office to fully develop their proposal and finalize any logistics or technical support needed from EPA
- Quarterly check-in meetings with EPA and partners
- Publication of a report that outlines research, results, and key lessons