

## Obtaining Tribal Nation Approval for National Science Foundation (NSF)

To satisfy the requirement of the National Science Foundation's requirement in the Proposal & Award Policies & Procedures Guide (PAPPG), Chapter II: Proposal Preparation Instructions, Part E., Special Processing Instructions, No. 10., "a. **Seek guidance from the potentially impacted Tribal Nation(s) regarding which activity/activities require(s) review and prior approval from an authorized designee(s) of the Tribal Nation(s).**"

**All proposed projects applying to NSF involving a Tribal Nation will need documentation of written approval, also known as a letter of support/approval, from the Tribal Nation.**

Note: The process to obtain this documentation with the Navajo Nation could take up to 3 to 4 weeks, depending on the complexity of the funding opportunity and proposed project.

### Recommendation for Principal Investigators or Program Directors

We strongly encourage working with *Na'ikaah Bee Honít'i'* - Research, Innovation & Practice in the early stage (**3 months before the funding opportunity deadline**) to review funding opportunity requirements and make informed decisions to obtain Tribal Nation approval.

**Action for Principal Investigators or Program Directors**  
**Submit to the Proposal Developer ([teblackwater@dinecollege.edu](mailto:teblackwater@dinecollege.edu))**

1. **Short summary of the proposed work or synopsis**
2. **Project goals and objectives**
3. **Duration of project**
4. **Anticipated budget request**
5. **Anticipated impacts and benefits**

### Process for Obtaining Tribal Approval

Proposal Developer will confer with **Legislative Affairs & Special Projects** to move the request forward for approval and signature from the Tribal Nation.

**Note: Legislative Affairs & Special Projects is Diné College's point of communication for all related topics involving tribal governments.**

[Frequently Asked Questions: Seeking or Obtaining Tribal Nation Approval for Proposals that May Impact Tribal Resources or Interests](#)

Federally recognized Indian Tribes and resources for Native Americans: <https://www.usa.gov/tribes>