

SCIENCE & CONSERVATION SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

For Indigenous college students in the Four Corners Region



NATURE

Native American Tribes Upholding Restoration & Education

The Nature Conservancy announces the 2026 NATURE Program, a 8-week leadership program for **college students** in the Four Corners region. NATURE leaders will gain the essential skills and training to work at the interface of science and sustainable land management, and will be part of a small cohort of students working and learning with the region's leading Indigenous and non-Indigenous scientists and conservationists. NATURE seeks to **empower the next generation of leaders and elevate diverse voices in climate and conservation solutions on the Colorado Plateau.**

COMPENSATION: \$4,800 stipend, housing provided

Requirements

- Be at least **18 years of age.**
- Currently enrolled in, or recently graduated from, an **Associate's or Bachelor's degree program.**
- Willing to live in southeast UT/southwest CO with no other major commitments (jobs, classes, etc) during the 8-week program; work outdoors rain or shine
- Present a capstone project in a final presentation at the end of the program.

How to apply

2026 Summer Program Dates: June 15th - Aug 7th, 2026

Applications accepted on a rolling basis, Deadline: February 20th, 2026
 priority given to early applicants

Full announcement and application: Scan QR code or enter link

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kc3FaNK7gPOLpiN5FhWVjTUJB8WFQGCk/view?usp=sharing>

To learn more or set up an information session, email kristen.redd@tnc.org

NATURE 2025 video: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11ynmS3xGwhHH3DQ0sNBdxXg2Dn8P_dyw/view

