WHAT WE DO
Our Work

Strengthening Indigenous Governance

The Native Nations Institute (NNI) is the leading research, education and outreach organization supporting the self-determination, self-governance and nation-rebuilding efforts of Indigenous peoples worldwide.

RESEARCH
Our research supports Indigenous nation building—the process by which a Native nation strengthens its capacity for effective and culturally relevant self-government and for self-determined and sustainable community development.

Focus on Success
We identify conditions under which Native nations successfully initiate and sustain economic, social and community development.

Usable Resources
We generate policy briefs, case studies, evaluation tools and other usable resources for Indigenous leaders and tribal governments.

Relevance
We provide information, policy analyses and recommendations concerning key issues affecting Native nations.

EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
Our Indigenous Governance Program (IGP) offers learners options for gaining in-depth, practical knowledge about Indigenous governance and community development.

Degrees & Certificates
igp.arizona.edu
Enroll in a 6-unit non-credit Continuing Education Certificate, a 12-credit Professional Studies Certificate or a 30-credit Master’s of Professional Studies degree.

January In Tucson
igp.arizona.edu/jit
Engage with tribal professionals and students for 3 weeks of 3-day courses on Indigenous governance, law and policy. Credits can apply toward a degree or certificate.

Rebuilding Native Nations Online
RebuildingNativeNations.com
Our suite of online non-credit courses surveys Native nation rebuilding and the challenges facing tribal governments today.

DIGITAL RESOURCES
Our free, online databases feature examples of effective tribal self-determination and Indigenous governance.

Indigenous Governance Database
NNIGovernance.arizona.edu
Explore 5,500 video, audio and text resources that highlight Native nation-building successes and challenges. Save to a personal library and share with others!

Constitutions Resource Center
NNIConstitutions.arizona.edu
Take a learning tour of resources that explain how Indigenous constitutions define, organize and sustain Native nations.

US Indigenous Data Sovereignty Network
USIndigenousData.arizona.edu
Join a growing network that promotes Indigenous data sovereignty through research, policy advocacy and Indigenous data governance.

TRIBAL SERVICES
Our customized training, facilitation and consultation services strengthen Indigenous governance.

Specialized Tribal Services
Ranging from governance training for economic development to strategic planning for constitutional reform, our services are targeted to meet organizational and tribal needs.

Native Nation Rebuilders Program
We train ‘Rebuilders’ from 23 tribes in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota in partnership with the Native Governance Center.

Native American Congressional Internship Program
Our internship program, co-administered with the Udall Foundation, provides Native students practical experience in Washington, D.C.

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In Tucson

Courses for Working Tribal Professionals & Students
On Indigenous Governance, Law and Policy

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Bradley Harrington
Commissioner of Natural Resources
Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe
Tribal Professionals Cohort Member, JIT 2018

Desirée Wilson
Administrative Officer
Red Lake Nation
Tribal Professionals Cohort Member, JIT 2018

The classes have given a lot of insight and tools...I can re-examine how I perform my duties and responsibilities, [and ask myself] ‘how can I take better steps?’

January in Tucson participants should expect to be mesmerized, amazed, and motivated to take action.

TRIBAL PROFESSIONALS COHORT PROGRAM
provides TUITION for 3 JIT COURSES and a TRAVEL STIPEND to qualified applicants

Course Descriptions, Funding Opportunities & Applications:

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Native Nations Institute
Founded by the Tribally Foundation & the University of Arizona

Strngthening Indigenous Governance

James E. Rogers College of Law
Indigenous Peoples
Law & Policy
Indigenous Governance
DATABASE

Developed by the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona

Offering online educational and informational resources on tribal self-governance and tribal policy reform designed to:

- promote tribal sovereignty
- foster Native nation building
- disseminate Indigenous data
- encourage tribal leadership development
- support the development of capable governing institutions
- highlight sustainable economic and community development in Indian Country

Are you a tribal decision-maker or engaged citizen?
Create a FREE account and customize your resource library!
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Constitutions Resource CENTER

A component within the IGD that brings together research on Indigenous constitutions, examples of the constitutional changes that Native nations are making, and videos of Native leaders and other governance experts talking about constitutional change. The CRC provides Native nations with access to a comprehensive set of tools and examples to help in the process of Indigenous constitutional reform.

The CRC is divided into five main sections:

DEFOERING
Considers what constitutions are, their role in the lives of Native nations, and the history of Indigenous constitutional governance.

DEVELOPING
Reviews topics commonly included in the constitutions of Native nations, poses questions for those engaged in constitutional change, and provides examples of constitutional solutions chosen by some Native nations.

CHANGING
Reviews governance reform processes and the methods that Native nations have used to change their constitutions.

LIVING
Examines the impact of constitutional change on tribal government and the tasks involved in sustaining constitutional government over time.

IN ACTION
Provides full constitutions, excerpts from constitutions, and a video catalog of Indigenous leaders discussing a wide range of governance topics.

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UDALL CENTER
NNI YOUTH PROGRAMS

Providing opportunities and building capacity in future Indigenous leaders

Project Youth ACT (Agents of Change within Tribes)

Workshops to build capacity among Indigenous high school youth to advocate for social justice and to address key issues affecting their nations/communities by strengthening their critical analysis, strategic decision-making, and multimedia communication skills.

Native American Youth Entrepreneurship Camp (NAYEC)

Camp and workshops to foster an entrepreneurial spirit in Indigenous high school students, create awareness of business and economic development on Indigenous lands and of the importance of expanding Indian Country’s private sector; and provide an opportunity for Indigenous youth to gain real world experience in planning, implementing, and operating a business through the Youth Marketplace and Business Plan Showcase.

Native American Youth Governance Camp (NAYGC)

Camp and workshops to build future Indigenous leaders’ knowledge and skills through a comprehensive curriculum that uses critical thinking and decision-making exercises to explore the fundamental keys to effective Indigenous self-governance, provides students an understanding of what tribal governments do and the functions tribal leaders perform, and offers real insight into what it takes to lead a nation.

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