Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship
**Webinar Format**

- Participants will be muted for this webinar.
- If you have questions during the webinar, please “raise your hand” using the hand button or you may enter your question(s) in the Question box.
Webinar Topics of Discussion

1. Introduction - First Nations Development Institute

2. Overview of the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship and Fellowship experience

3. Walk-through for the on-line application

4. Question and Answer
About First Nations Development Institute

- Native-Led Nonprofit
- Founded in 1980
- Based in Longmont, Colorado
- 22 Staff Members
- 1993: Grantmaking Program Launched
- Grantmaking to date: 1,546 grants, $32 million
- Constituent Base: Tribal Programs, Native-Led Nonprofits & Community Orgs
Our Mission

Our mission is to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. First Nations Development Institute invests in and creates innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.

Our Guiding Principle

We believe, when armed with the appropriate resources, Native peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual and cultural well-being of their communities.
Our Approach
First Nations has always been exclusively committed to Native control of tribal assets and to restore control and promote culturally-compatible stewardship of those assets.

Asset-Building Defined
A positive and collaborative approach, asset-building focuses on cultivating traditional knowledge and practices, and creating new ones to build Native capacities, capabilities and communities.

Why Asset-Building Works
Native nations are uniquely knowledgeable about their own communities. They know the strengths, challenges and needs of their communities better than outside agencies. It strengthens the effectiveness of Native nations to create solutions to their own challenges and allows them to best leverage their resources on their own terms. In brief, in the long term it works because it helps protect and enhance tribal sovereignty.

Assets in Native Communities
- Natural Resources
- Social Capital
- Human Capital
- Political Assets
- Physical Assets
- Languages
- Cultural & Artistic Heritage
- Institutional Assets
The Henry Luce Foundation is a private independent foundation that seeks to enrich public discourse by promoting innovative scholarship, cultivating new leaders, and fostering international understanding. The foundation advances its mission through grantmaking and leadership programs in the fields of Asia, higher education, religion and theology, art and public policy. Established in 1936 by Henry R. Luce, the co-founder and editor-in-chief of Time Inc., the foundation’s earliest work honored his parents, missionary educators in China. The foundation’s programs today reflect the value Mr. Luce placed on learning, leadership, and long-term commitment in philanthropy.
Advisory and Selection Committee

- **Brenda J. Child, Ph.D. (Red Lake Ojibwe)** is Northrop Professor and Chair of the Department of American Studies at the University of Minnesota.

- **Carnell Chosa, Ph.D. (Jemez Pueblo)** co-founded and co-directs The Leadership Institute and the Summer Policy Academy projects housed at the Santa Fe Indian School.

- **Cynthia Lindquist, Ph.D. (Spirit Lake Nation)** is the president of Cankdeska Cikana Community College at Fort Totten, North Dakota, on the Spirit Lake Reservation.

- **Elvera Sargeant or Konwanahktotani (Mohawk)** manages the Friends of the Akwesasne Freedom School.

- **Jonathan K. Osorio, Ph.D.** is Dean of Hawaiʻinuiākea School of Hawaiian Knowledge.

- **Jordan Dresser (Northern Arapaho)** is a journalist, museum curator, and producer.

- **Rosalyn R. LaPier, Ph.D. (Blackfeet/Métis)** is an environmental historian, ethnobotanist, writer and popular public speaker on traditional environmental knowledge.

- **Teresa Peterson, Ed.D. (Upper Sioux Community)** serves as Tribal Planner for the Lower Sioux Indian Community.
Fellowship Purpose

This fellowship is intended to support Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers that embody exceptional creativity, progressive and critical thinking, and the potential to significantly move forward their field in ways that will ultimately lead to broad, transformative impacts for Indigenous communities.
**Important Dates**

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| **Friday, September 13, 2019, by 5:00 p.m. MDT** | • Completed applications, including reference letters, are due.  
• Application review begins. |
| **Early October 2019**               | • Notifications sent.  
• 20 finalists will be selected to advance to the final interview stage of selection. |
| **Week of November 18, 2019**        | • Finalists will travel and participate in an in-person interview with the Luce Indigenous Knowledge Fellowship Selection Committee.  
• Location to be announced.  
• First Nations will cover all travel and accommodation expenses for the finalists’ travel. |
| **December 2019**                    | • After the interviews, the Fellowship Selection Committee will select 10 fellows and selection notification will go out in December 2019. |
| **January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2020** | • Fellowship year                                                                          |
Fellowship Experience

10 Fellows awarded $50,000 each

- Fellowship will start January 1, 2020.
- Fellowship payments will be released in three different payments, $20,000 upon being selected and two $15,000 payments will be made contingent on participation in the three in-person fellowship meetings.

Fellows will be required to attend in 3 in-person meetings in 2020

- Each of the three meetings will be two days long (dates/location TBD).
- These meetings will be designed in collaboration with fellows. Intent will be to create a collaborative cohort of connected Indigenous knowledge fellows to advance indigenous knowledge and knowledge systems for community benefit.

Up to $5,000 in additional support for selected fellows

- This will be for resources or professional development to grow fellow capacity as knowledge holders/makers.
- More information will be provided on this once fellows are selected.

Opportunity to apply for additional support after fellowship year

- After the fellowship year, fellows may apply to receive continued support of up to $25,000 for a community project that builds on their body of work.
- More information will be provided on this once fellows are selected.
Use of Fellowship Funds

• The goal of this new fellowship is to provide flexible funding. It is intended to allow emerging and experienced knowledge holders and knowledge makers to determine their own goals, and decide how their funds are best used to make a positive impact in their communities.

• Fellows do not have to design or complete a project to be eligible or selected.

• Generally the fellowship may be used for a wide range of costs, including living expenses, tuition, conference registration, equipment, travel and childcare. The fellowship cannot be redirected to another person or organization. It cannot be used to cover health insurance.

• The $50,000 fellowship is considered taxable income. Fellowship recipients will be responsible for all related taxes resulting from this award.

• How can this fellowship help advance my respective field of knowledge?
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<td>An emerging and experienced Indigenous knowledge holder and knowledge maker actively engaged in meaningful, positive work that benefits Indigenous people and communities in either reservation and/or urban settings</td>
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<td>Engaged in the development, perpetuation and/or dissemination of knowledge in your field.</td>
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**Note:** Individuals may apply directly for this fellowship OR individuals may nominate Native knowledge holders and knowledge makers for this fellowship.
Nominating an Individual

• Must work collaboratively with person you want to nominate.
• Must have the nominated knowledge maker sign a consent form that you can download once you log into the online system.
Application Questions

**Statement of Community Impact** (in 1,000 words or less) describing the applicant’s personal/professional background and connection to his/her community. Who are you? What do you do? What experience do you have sharing and disseminating Indigenous knowledge, and supporting Indigenous people and communities?

**Proposed Fellowship Plan** (in 1,000 words or less) describing the applicant’s vision for transferring and sharing Indigenous knowledge in his/her community. What is your vision for preserving and perpetuating knowledge in your community? How will this fellowship help you strengthen and empower your community, transfer knowledge and build your leadership skills?

**Budget** (in 500 words or less) describing how the applicant will use the funds to support his/her community vision. How will funds be used during the 12-month fellowship period? What activities or contributions will the Fellowship support?
Application Attachments

Resume, Curriculum Vitae or Biographical Sketch: All applicants must submit a detailed, up-to-date résumé, curriculum vitae or biographical sketch that summarizes their background and experience working with Indigenous people and communities in either reservation and/or urban settings. Required

One Photograph: For potential use in First Nations publications. Please upload a high-resolution quality photo in the online system in .jpg format. Required
Two References: Applicants must submit two letters of reference with their application. Referees should be able to speak to your character and potential, and be familiar with your work and vision for your community. This attachment must be uploaded as a .pdf file. Required

In the application, applicants will be asked to submit the names and contact information of two individuals who will upload reference letters on their behalf. Once the applicant submits this information, referees will receive an email instructing them how to attach their reference letters to this application. Once these letters are received, applicants will be able to submit their completed applications.

Important note: Applicants will not be able to submit the application until reference letters are attached. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that two reference letters are submitted by the deadline. Applications with less than two letters by Friday, September 13, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. MDT will not be reviewed.
Note on References/Recommendation Letters

• There are no requirements about who should be selected to write a reference letter.

• Ideally reference letters would speak to your body of work, potential, and contributions to community.
**Application Attachments**

**Other supporting Materials (OPTIONAL):** Applicants can attach up to three supporting documents or materials that demonstrate the applicant’s commitment to his or her tribal community (awards, newspaper clippings, magazine articles, etc.). Supplemental materials are optional but highly recommended. These attachments must be uploaded as .pdf files.

**Consent (Required only for nominators):** Nominators submitting applications on behalf of another individual must upload a signed consent form. This form indicates that the nominee consents to working with the nominator to complete the fellowship application. It also indicates that the nominee has reviewed and agrees to the terms of the fellowship.
**Ideal Candidates**

**KNOWLEDGE:** Applicants must be actively engaged in the development, perpetuation or dissemination of Indigenous and/or Western knowledge. They must have a cultural grounding and connectedness to community.

**EXPERIENCE:** Applicants must be engaged in relevant work that seeks to grow and advance knowledge. They must demonstrate a record of success of working and collaborating with Indigenous people and communities, and preserving and perpetuating Indigenous knowledge systems.

**POTENTIAL:** Applicants must demonstrate continuing promise in their field of endeavor. They must embody exceptional creativity, progressive and critical thinking, and the potential to significantly move forward their field in ways that will ultimately lead to broad, transformative impacts for Indigenous communities.

**VISION:** Applicants must clearly articulate how the fellowship will support or accelerate their work. They must develop a unique plan of action that details their vision for preserving and perpetuating Indigenous knowledge in either reservation or urban areas.
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