

Job Announcement: Dakota Studies Department Co-Director (*Grant-Funded*)

Department: Department of Dakota Studies

Position Type: Full-Time (40 hours/week), Grant-Funded

Job Starting Date: Monday, November 2nd

Salary Range: Competitive, commensurate with qualifications and grant budget

Position Overview

The **Dakota Studies Department Co-Director** plays a vital leadership role in guiding the department's academic, cultural, and language-revitalization missions. This grant-funded position involves supervising department activities, teaching Dakota language and culture courses, coordinating language immersion and elder sessions, and actively contributing to grant writing, monitoring, and reporting.

Key Responsibilities

- **Leadership & Supervision:** Supervise Dakota language apprentices and learners, establishing weekly operational and class schedules.
- **Instruction & Curriculum:** Teach 1 to 2 courses per semester in Dakota language, culture, or history based on student interest and departmental need. Develop curricula, lesson plans, and teaching materials.
- **Language Revitalization & Assessment:** Participate actively in elders' sessions and language immersion activities with learners and apprentices. Conduct formal language proficiency assessments twice per year.
- **Grant Management & Administration:** Assist the principal investigators and leadership in writing grant proposals, tracking grant objectives, and drafting compliance reports.
- **Community & Student Engagement:** Organize field trips, extracurricular events, and assist with community outreach efforts.

Qualifications & Requirements

Minimum Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree (B.A.) from an accredited institution.
- Advanced proficiency in the Dakota language.

Desired Qualifications:

- Master's degree (M.A.) in Dakota Language, Indigenous Studies, Linguistics, Education, or a closely related field.
- Superior proficiency in Dakota across speaking, listening, reading, and writing.
- Familiarity with language documentation and technology software (e.g., ELAN, FLEEx, Praat).
- Previous management or administrative experience.

Tribal Preference:

- Preference will be given to Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate (SWO) tribal members; however, all qualified applicants are encouraged to apply.

What We Offer

- **Funding Duration:** Fixed-term grant-funded position, with continuation dependent on grant funding cycles and performance.
- Comprehensive benefits package including health, dental, and vision insurance.
- Optional 401(k) retirement plan.
- Generous paid time off (6 hours of PTO accrued every 2 weeks).

How to Apply

Application Closing Date: Monday, October 26th

To apply or inquire about the position, please submit your materials to:

- **Contact Person:** Crystal Renville, HR Director
- **Email:** cjrenville@swcollege.edu
- **Phone:** (605) 742-1118