

**Tribal Water Quality Governance**  
**Graduate Research Assistantships and Undergraduate Internships**  
**University of Idaho, University of Nevada, Michigan State University**

A collaborative team of researchers from the University of Idaho (Teresa Cavazos Cohn), University of Nevada, Reno (Kate Berry) and Michigan State University (Kyle Powys Whyte) recently received funding from the National Science Foundation to support graduate assistantships and undergraduate internships in a study of tribal water quality governance.

Indigenous peoples face disproportionate threats to water quality and continue to work to assert governance over water. This research works collaboratively with the Pyramid Lake Paiute and Northern Arapaho Tribes to explore critical water quality issues and their governance, particularly the fundamental differences in conceptions of water across governing entities, including ways in which space and time are understood. This work uses participatory research methods to explore water quality concerns affecting both participating Tribes, as well as Indigenous groups nationwide.

Working in a collaborative environment, across three universities, three states, and two tribal communities, we seek three motivated and creative M.S. or Ph.D. students to contribute to water quality governance research. Preferred start date is August, 2017, with one student based at University of Idaho, one student at University of Nevada-Reno, and one student at Michigan State University. Students will interact with one another across sites.

Undergraduate internship opportunities are also available through the University of Nevada-Reno, and the University of Idaho, but may be based in Tribal communities. Internships vary between location, but begin Summer, 2017.

For more information, please send your CV, electronic transcripts, and a brief statement of interest to Dr. Teresa Cavazos Cohn (Department of Natural Resources and Society, University of Idaho, [tcohn@uidaho.edu](mailto:tcohn@uidaho.edu)), Dr. Kate Berry (Department of Geography, University of Nevada, Reno, [kberry@unr.edu](mailto:kberry@unr.edu)), and Dr. Kyle Powys Whyte (Department of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University, [kwhyte@msu.edu](mailto:kwhyte@msu.edu)). Preference will be given to members of participating Tribes, as well as applicants with expertise in GIS, document analysis and historical research skills.

