

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

Re: UC Repatriation Committee Candidate Outreach

Dear UC Community,

This correspondence is soliciting nominations from qualified and passionate candidates to serve on the University of California NAGPRA Committees. Respectful repatriation rooted in meaningful tribal consultation is required by [California NAGPRA](#) (CaINAGPRA). Furthermore, CaINAGPRA requires the UC to establish both Campus and Systemwide NAGPRA Committees. (Health and Saf. Code §8026) These committees are platforms for passionate advocates to ensure legal compliance, cultural respect, and the decolonization of the UC's repatriation practices.

The committees are composed of both UC and Native American representatives. All members must be reviewed and nominated by the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) before appointment by the UC. (*Id.*) The NAHC is continually accepting nominations for all positions. More information and application packets can be found [here](#).

Committee members can expect to commit 2-3 hours per month. The committee will meet 10-12 times per year to discuss systemwide repatriation issues.

All Tribal representatives must meet the following criteria:

- A voting member of a California Indian tribe shall be an elder, spiritual leader, or tribal member, as designated by the governing body of the individual's tribe, with a minimum of five years prior experience in any of the following:
 - Repatriation pursuant to federal NAGPRA.
 - Cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal laws.
 - Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies.

(Health and Saf. Code § 8026 (c)(1))

Preferences shall be given to members of a California Indian tribe. If no members of a California Indian tribe meet the qualifications of an Indian tribe pursuant to federal NAGPRA, members of others tribes may serve. (Health and Saf. Code § 8026 sub. (c)(2))

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns to calnagpra@nahc.ca.gov.

Respectfully,
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