

American Indian Cultural Resources Training Program Offered

The National Anthropological Archives, a unit of the Department of Anthropology of the National Museum of Natural History, has received limited funding to train and assist Indian persons involved in tribal history programs. The Smithsonian will make provisions for transportation and living expenses while participants are in Washington doing historical research.

In most cases, participants will be contracted to the National Anthropological Archives for one month. Each participant must inventory photographic and manuscript collections relevant to his or her tribe and submit a written account of that

inventory to Dr. Viola. Participants in the program must be nominated by their tribal government; it is understood that only one person from each tribe may participate.

Participants in the program have access to the major cultural resource institutions in Washington--the Smithsonian Institution, the National Archives, and the Library of Congress.

Dr. Herman J. Viola, director and the staff of the National Anthropological Archives provide information and guidance about the location and organization of the sources of tribal history at these institutions.

Participants set their own pace. follow up research leads they deem important, and work without a great deal of supervision. There is no formal classroom instruction. Funds are provided to allow participants to choose a limited number of photographs and documents to be copied for the research use of the tribe.

Participants must be American Indians nominated by their tribal governments. Participants should have fluency in reading and writing English, but there is no educational requirement. There is no age limit, but applicants should be mature and independent individuals knowledgeable about their tribes. Interested persons can apply by submitting a brief resume stating home and office addresses and telephone numbers; age, education, employment background, social security number, community activities; and first and second choices of dates between 1 December 1980 and 30 September 1981 that it would be convenient to participate for one calendar month.

Send this information to: Wayne Juneau, National Congress of American Indians, 202 E Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.