Yale school of the environment

October 14, 2024

Memorandum of Understanding between the Intertribal Timber Council and the Yale School of the Environment

January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2026

The Yale School of the Environment (YSE) seeks to provide graduate degrees to all qualified students who contribute to the diversity of its community, including Native American and Native Alaskan students. In order to increase enrollment of Native American and Native Alaskan students at YSE through greater representation in applicant pools and increased financial accessibility, YSE will collaborate with the Intertribal Timber Council (ITC).

Through its Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program, ITC provides \$3,000 for grad students & graduating college seniors applying/accepted for grad school studying Natural Resources or \$4,000 for grad students & graduating college seniors applying/accepted for grad school studying Forestry or Fire to selected college students. ITC will encourage recipients of this scholarship to apply to the following YSE graduate degree programs: Master of Environmental Management (MEM); Master of Forestry (MF); Master of Forest Science (MFS); and Master of Environmental Science (MESc). YSE will review all such applications in accordance with its admissions criteria. If a student who is a recipient of the Picard Scholarship is admitted, YSE will review the admitted student's financial aid application to determine need, in accordance with its financial aid policies and procedures, and will endeavor to award a financial aid package sufficient to permit the student to enroll at YSE, up to and including full tuition and mandatory fees (Student Activity fee, and Student IT fee).

Students enrolled in YSE graduate degree programs that meet eligibility requirements (i.e., full-time status, good academic standing) will be able to apply for additional YSE funding and other scholarships and fellowships.

In addition, ITC and YSE commit to effective ongoing collaboration and communication in order to advance our shared goal of increasing Native American and Native Alaskan enrollment in higher education. ITC acknowledges that YSE decisions regarding admissions and funding for ITC scholarship recipients will be made on a case-by-case basis in accordance with YSE policies.

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Date: 10:14:2024

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