

# Rising Voices Changing Coasts Summer Internship 2026

Empowering Future Researchers to Bridge Knowledge Traditions

Engage in a summer of learning, connection, and discovery—where science meets story, land, and community. Be part of the next generation of researchers honoring Indigenous wisdom and building bridges across traditions and disciplines.

The Rising Voices, Changing Coasts Hub (RVCC) is a project that brings together university-trained scientists and traditional knowledge-holders to better understand the interactions between natural, human-built, and social systems in four coastal regions in Indigenous territories, including Alaska, Louisiana, Hawai'i, and Puerto Rico.

Based at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS, the immersive RVCC summer internship program is focused on climate change using Native Science and explores the unique methods and methodologies that shape Indigenous research practices. The summer 2026 internship plan includes a focus on and a visit to Puerto Rico to learn about coastal climate changes and the people who live there.

## About the Internship

This program offers Indigenous undergraduate and graduate students the opportunity to engage deeply with Native Science. Throughout the internship, participants will learn how Native Science enriches research methodologies, fosters respect for multiple ways of knowing, and contributes to more holistic, impactful scholarship in relation to climate change and extremes, including a focus on Puerto Rico.

## Internship Outcomes

- Understand the principles and philosophies underpinning Native Science.
- Compare and contrast Indigenous and Western research paradigms.
- Apply Indigenous methods in the design and implementation of research projects.
- Develop cultural humility, ethical awareness, and respect for Indigenous protocols.
- Engage in critical reflection on your own research practices.

## Internship Information

- **Duration:** 8 weeks (May 17– July 11)
- **Location:** Hosted by Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS., with a site visit in *Puerto Rico*\*
- **Stipend:** \$3,840 paid in three payments throughout the internship
- **Applications are accepted November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 – February 13<sup>th</sup> 2026**

## Contact & Further Information

For additional details about the internship, eligibility criteria, or application procedures, please contact us at [pblanchard@haskellfoundation.org](mailto:pblanchard@haskellfoundation.org) or visit [RVCCHub.org](http://RVCCHub.org).



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