The American Indian Research and Education Center (AIREC)/University of Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV) under the School of Community Health Sciences represent one of four national Coordinating Center within the Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons (STEP-UP) program. The project aims to expose American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) current year junior and senior high school students to the science of diabetes, endocrinology, metabolism, nutrition, and obesity. Please know that sometimes we need to look outside the above mentioned areas, such as Traditional Foods, Environment, etc.

The 8 week program provides students with opportunities to:

- Learn what research entails by being actively involved a project. Learn research protocols and data collection methods.
- Learn how to develop a hypothesis.
- Train with research faculty and staff
- Prepare and present your research findings at the annual STEP-UP research symposium on the NIH campus in Bethesda Maryland.

Program Highlights:

- 8 weeks of full-time (35-40 hours per week) research experience with flexible starting dates depending on your school summer release dates.
- Summer research stipend.
- All-paid travel expenses to the Annual High School STEP-UP Research Symposium held on NIH's Main Campus in Bethesda, Maryland

Students must:

- US citizen
- Must be 16 years of age or older
- Must be in 11th or 12th grade at time of application
- Must have minimum overall GPA of 2.75
- Must have personal medical/health Insurance
- Must fulfill a disadvantaged background
  (Native American/Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, African American, Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, disability, low socioeconomic background, first generation)
- Make sure to check the American Indian Alaska Native category if appropriate, Also please state your Tribal affiliation or descendent of.

For more information and to apply Google: NIDDK STEP-UP click on (Short-Term Research Experience for Underrepresented Persons)

- **Application Portal opens November 15 and closes February 15**

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