



# NORTHWEST NATIVE AMERICAN RESEARCH CENTER FOR HEALTH

A program of the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board



# PUBLIC HEALTH RESEARCH ACADEMY

for Native High School Students

June 2024-May 2025



## ABOUT

A year-long introductory program for American Indian & Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth interested in exploring public health. Youth will learn about relatable public health topics and complete a community-based research project.



## STRUCTURE

- Hybrid
- Kick-off week in Portland, OR, June 24-28, 2024
- Virtual sessions from October 2024 - May 2025
- Research project showcase at the end
- On-site mentor support



## ELIGIBILITY

Mentors can:

- be educators, counselors, public health professionals or other caring adult.
- guide 2-4 youth per site.

Youth must:

- be Juniors or Seniors at the time of application,
- live in OR, ID, or WA &
- identify as AI or AN

## PAID OPPORTUNITY!

- Youth receive \$2000 for research-related costs.
- Mentors receive \$5000.
- All travel expenses paid for by NW NARCH.

The NW NARCH and NPaiHB Adolescent Health teams are launching the second year of the [NARCH Public Health Research Academy](#) for Native High School Students!

This population health sciences program introduces American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth to diverse public health topics, and research methods, and offers tools to carry out a community-based research project. The year-long Academy strives to coach, nurture, and develop self-capacity in each future public health researcher.

The NARCH Academy is **currently recruiting** sites to mentor 2-4 students for a total of 12-16 AI/AN high school juniors and senior students from the Pacific NW (Oregon, Idaho and Washington) for the 2024-2025 Research Academy. High schools, Tribal health and

wellness programs, Indian Health Boards, or other programs serving AI/AN youth can serve as host sites.

Selected sites will be paid for research-related expenses (\$2,000) and mentoring services (\$5,000). Sites will also gather in Portland at the end of June (June 24-28, 2024) for the Academy kick-off. NW NARCH will cover travel expenses to Portland and hotel accommodations for students and mentors.

**Register by May 1, 2024!**

**Apply Now!**

### **Learn More**

NPAIHB will host an informational webinar to answer questions about the program and application process. Save the date for **Friday, April 12 at 11 am-12 pm (PST)**.

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Meeting URL: <https://echo.zoom.us/j/89580797623>

Meeting ID: 895 8079 7623

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We look forward to meeting you!

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