

The Indian Resource Development (IRD) program began in 1977, when NMSU was awarded a W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant to encourage Navajo students to pursue degrees in agriculture and business. Before the grant expired, the New Mexico state legislature approved an enacting statute that:

1. Continued the objectives of the grant by maintaining best practices;
2. Expanded the scope of participants (to include all tribes and disciplines (to include engineering, sciences, natural resources, business, and economic development); and
3. Provide an annual budget.



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## Institutional Networking

IRD provides a measure of financial support to pre-determined science and academic programs such like the University of New Mexico Native Americans in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (NASTEM).



## Summer Youth and High School Programs

The DreamMakers and DreamKeepers Summer Program provides exposure to a collegiate environment as well as residential experience for middle and high school students from tribes throughout New Mexico.

## Student Services

- “Sources of Financial Aid Available to American Indian Students” Booklet
- Internships/Co-op Opportunities
- Student Employment
- Scholarship Information
- Late Lunch Speaker Series
- Student Advocacy
- Professional Development Opportunities
- Networking Opportunities
- Fax/Copy/Telephone Service
- Developmental Activities for Tribal Youth and High School Students
- Collaborate with Academic Institutions, Programs, and Agencies to Create Beneficial Opportunities for Native American Students



## Indian Resource Development

The Indian Resource Development (IRD) program pursues, develops, coordinates, and initiates opportunities and experiences that assist tribal students in becoming professional agriculturists, business people, engineers, resource managers, and scientists prepared to contribute to the effective development and management of tribal resources in their own culturally appropriate manner. Under the Indian Resources Development Act [21-10.4 NMSA 1978], the program continues to reach out to tribal people and tribal-serving entities.

