

## What IRD offers for tribal nations in New Mexico

Promote, fund, or help develop internships for Indigenous students *affiliated with tribal nations in New Mexico* above the age of 16 interested in exploring career opportunities, or enhancing their professional skills in the fields of agriculture, engineering, natural resources, energy, or business.

IRD could help *promote* existing internship and on-the-job opportunities with tribal businesses and organizations that could offer students guidance as they further develop the knowledge they acquire through their formal academic classes.

IRD could also *offer funding* support, via its partners, to Indigenous students who are interested in participating in an internship or on-the-job experience that will strengthen their training as agriculturalists, engineers, natural resource or energy scientists, or business people prepared to contribute to the effective development and management of tribal resources.

Another way in which IRD could support tribal nations in New Mexico is by helping them *explore and develop* internship opportunities that they could offer.

## How are these opportunities possible?

Via partnerships between IRD and tribal nations in New Mexico. The purpose of the partnerships is to offer internship and on-the-job opportunities to Indigenous students in New Mexico interested in becoming agriculturists, engineers, natural resource or energy scientists, or business people. Via sub-contracts, IRD and the partnering nation will enter into agreements describing the terms of the relationship, the kind of support given for a specific project, funding amount, length of agreement, and the reports that will be delivered once or twice over the course of the agreement.