

**This Gen-I Native Opportunities Weekly (NOW) message shares information about the AmeriCorps VISTA Native Food Sovereignty Fellowship.**

AmeriCorps VISTA Native Food Sovereignty Fellows work in Native American communities to contribute to efforts focused on food sovereignty, food systems, nutritional education, and the development of tribal economies that build opportunities in food and agriculture. The fellowship is the result of a [unique partnership](#) between VISTA, the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community and the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative (IFAI).

VISTA positions are paid positions that provide a living allowance, educational benefits upon successful completion of the assignment, a child care benefit (if applicable) and other supporting benefits. Native Food Sovereignty Fellows work closely with the IFAI and receive ongoing training and assistance to augment their local work. **The application period is now open. Space is limited, and they are looking to fill positions as quickly as possible.**

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**ELIGIBILITY:** Participants must:

- Be at least 18 years old;
- Pass a national service criminal history check;
- Hold one of the following citizenship statuses: US citizen, US National, Lawful Permanent Resident Alien, or person residing in a state that has the following legal residency classifications: refugee, asylum or asylee, temporary protected status, or deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) status.

**TO APPLY:**

Submit an application through the [AmeriCorps VISTA website](#), which explains the application process. To find the application, search for "Native Food Sovereignty" and click on the fellowship link.

**QUESTIONS?** Email [bpollard@uark.edu](mailto:bpollard@uark.edu).