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## **Footprints of the Ancestors Internship 2008-2009**

*Footprints of the Ancestors* is an intergenerational learning project designed to assist Hopi communities in preserving Hopi traditions, language, and culture. The key aspect of this project brings together Hopi high-school youth and a team of Hopi elders, Hopi cultural specialists, archaeologists, and anthropologists in an interactive, experiential, and collaborative learning experience focusing on these types of Hopi traditions, culture, and history.

The project design is based on immersion student learning, student service learning, and student multi media product development. The project involves three primary activities:

1. The intergenerational group traces the footprints of Hopi ancestors by visiting places of cultural significance, namely at archaeological sites across the American Southwest. At each venue, intergenerational learning activities for Hopi youth provide opportunities for Hopi elders and archaeologists to share their knowledge and facilitate an exchange of ideas. The learning activities focus on particular themes such as health, food, ethnobotany, community, sustainability, Hopi language, and environment.
2. The Hopi youth participate in service-learning projects in modern Hopi villages that help them take responsibility and give back to their community. Such activities involve: volunteering for community races, planting and harvesting crops, maintaining Hopi peach orchards, and restoring springs and gardens.
3. The youth create "Digital Hopi Youth Guides" in the form of DVDs, websites, pod casts, and museum exhibits. These products communicate the Hopi youth's perspective on the theme for each venue.

We are seeking students who are looking to acquire experience in multimedia development, with particular emphasis in video production. Interested students should be knowledgeable in the following:

- Video production (digitizing, scripting, editing, etc.)
- Audio production
- Help produce video shoots, mainly in outdoor venues
- Set up interviews as needed
- Website creation
- Graphic design

Interested students should contact: Geri Hongeva, Multimedia Specialist ([Geri.Hongeva@nau.edu](mailto:Geri.Hongeva@nau.edu), 523-6520) or Joelle Clark, Program Coordinator ([Joelle.Clark@nau.edu](mailto:Joelle.Clark@nau.edu), 523-8797).