5 April 2024

To: Tribal Leader or designated representative (placeholder for specific Tribal leader or designated representative)

Address:

Email:

RE: National Science Foundation enhanced requirement for Tribal Nation approval for NSF Research Proposals

Dear (designated Tribal representative):

Pursuant to federal and University of Arizona requirements for Tribal consultation and approval of the above-referenced project, official Tribal review and approval is sought to conduct the proposed NSF-sponsored research activities. The following project information is provided for your consideration:

Title of Project:

Project Summary or Scope of Work:

Description of impact to Tribal resources or interests[[1]](#footnote-1):

Pursuant to NSF guidelines, the University of Arizona requires written confirmation that review and approval for the above-described NSF **is not required**; or review and approval for the above-described NSF project **is required**, and the (Tribal Nation) confirms approval of this project and will provide signed documentation to the University of Arizona indicating such approval. The National Science Foundation will not make an award decision until written approval has been provided.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for documented approval. Please contact me with any questions or additional information you require.

Sincerely,

(project principal investigator)

The University of Arizona

(project principal investigator) contact information (telephone number and email address)

cc: SVP for Native American Advancement and Tribal Engagement Levi Esquerra

RII VP for Research Operations, Dr. Sangita Pawar Judge

RII Director for the Native Peoples Technical Assistance Office, Claudia E Nelson

**Pursuant to the request for Tribal approval for the above-described project, I affirm**

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **Review and approval by (the Tribal Nation) is not required; or**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Review and approval is required and the (Tribal Nation) confirms approval of this project by signing below.**

**A copy of this signed document will be provided to the Principal Investigator in this project, as follows (provide PI address or email address)**

**(Designated Tribal official signature)**

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**Title**

**Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

1. Examples of such activities include, but are not limited to the following:

   Research projects that involve Tribal Nation members and would involve the Tribal Nation in any way (including, for example, referencing a Tribal Nation in materials, public forums, or publications).

   Conducting studies or research on Tribal Nation reservations, territories, and other locations where Tribal Nations have legally protected rights to resources or to engage in activities.

   Using Tribal Nation-controlled information or data in research. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)