

**Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
(NAGPRA) Manager (Anthropology)
Auburn University**

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Job Title	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Manager (Anthropology)
Department	Sociology
Institution	Auburn University Auburn, Alabama
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Application Deadline	Open until filled
Position Start Date	Available immediately
Job Categories	Director/Manager Director/Manager
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Job Description

Job Summary

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Manager (Anthropology)

The NAGPRA Manager coordinates compliance, consultations, repatriations, and other activities associated with ensuring Auburn University's compliance with the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (federal regulation) by coordinating inventory and curation of Native American artifacts and remains using culturally sensitive and responsible strategies. Coordinates the disposition and repatriation of culturally identifiable and unidentifiable remains and objects, establishes and maintains relationships with tribal communities, and serves as an institutional point of contact for Native American ancestral remains and objects located at Auburn University.

Essential Functions

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- Manages compliance, consultations, repatriations, and other activities associated with ensuring AU's compliance with NAGPRA (federal regulations)
- Manages inventory and curation of Native American artifacts and remains
- Cultivates and maintains relationships with Native American and tribal communities and manages disposition and repatriation of culturally identifiable and unidentifiable remains and objects, establishes and maintains relationships with tribal communities
- Initiates, manages, and completes multiple inventories of AU's Native American artifacts, human remains, and related objects located on the main Auburn campus. Serves as institutional point of contact for Native American ancestral remains and objects.
- Works with federally recognized tribal representatives to determine if human remains and/or funerary objects can be culturally affiliated with tribal groups and nations known to inhabit the region where these items were discovered and returned to the tribe of origin. Preparation of NAGPRA Collections (osteological and artifactual) for curation in the NAGPRA campus lab for repatriation to their Native American tribe of origin.
- Consults with Native American tribal representatives regarding treatment, identification, and cultural affiliation of ancestral remains and artifacts.
- Collaborates and consults closely with faculty in the Anthropology Program in matters of compliance and procedure as well as the Department Chair of SASW and the AU Office of General Counsel to ensure all relevant regulations are followed. This position is the spokesperson for AU in all NAGPRA related inquiries.
- Oversees disposition of human remains and objects in culturally sensitive ways and prepares them for repatriation and/or short and long-term curation.
- Drafts notices for submission to the National Register and files required documentation with National NAGPRA
- Develops and submits grant proposals and funding requests to support NAGPRA activities.
- Administers NAGPRA-related budgets and purchases all necessary materials and supplies.
- Advances Auburn University's NAGPRA standing through attendance at conferences and workshops, service on advisory panels, and holding office or performing relevant committee assignments in professional organizations. Participates in promoting and coordinating outreach activities for research and education. Interacts with the public, university, and professional community through teaching, lectures, presentations, and publications
- Supervises all NAGPRA employees as well as recruiting, training, and supervising graduate and undergraduate assistants and volunteers.

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Minimum Qualifications

- Master's degree in Anthropology, Museum Studies, Native American Studies, or other related field.
- 4 years of experience in identifying, analyzing, organizing, and managing Native American artifacts, human remains, and associated funerary objects.

Contact Information

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