



MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY NORTHERN

What is a Native American-Serving NonTribal Institution (NASNTI)?

- Defined by the U.S. Department of Education as an institution with an enrollment of undergraduate students that is at least 10 percent Native American according to IPEDS.

U.S. Department of Education's Native American-Serving NonTribal Institutions Program:

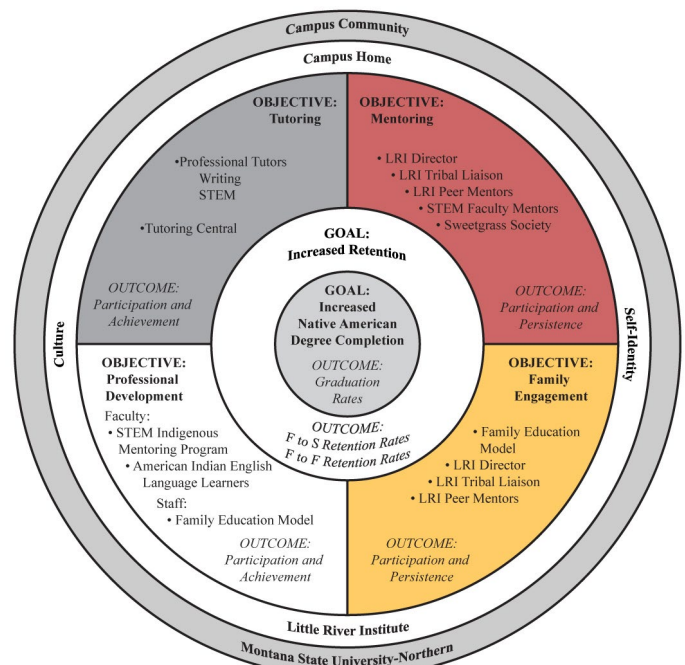
- This program provides grants and related assistance to Native American-Serving, NonTribal Institutions to enable such institutions to improve and expand their capacity to serve Native Americans and low-income individuals.
- NASNTI designation deems an institution eligible to apply for and receive U.S. Department of Education funding through the Native American-Serving NonTribal Institutions Program
 - NASNTI funding is Title III, Part A and Part F
 - Typically award 5-year grants for approximately \$1.5 to \$2 million each

The Little River Institute (LRI) at Montana State University-Northern (MSUN):

- Established in 2015 with MSUN's inaugural NASNTI grant award
 - First Award: 10/01/2015 – 9/30/2020 for \$1.9 million
 - Established staff positions and renovations of MSUN Student Union Building into the Little River Institute

Current NASNTI Award at MSUN (The Little River Institute):

- 10/01/2020 – 09/30/2025 for \$1.5 million
- Primary Goals:
 - 1) Increase on-time graduation rates of American Indian students by 10% over 5 years
 - 2) Increase fall-to-spring and fall-to-fall retention rates for Native American students, including first-time, full-time students and those with continuing, transfer, and returning status.
- 4 Grant Activities:
 - Professional Tutoring
 - Professional and Peer Mentoring
 - Professional Development
 - Family Education Model
- Overall Results
 - 5.2 % increase in 4-year grad rates of Native American freshmen
 - 20% increase in Fall-to-Fall Retention from pre-grant to present
- Results from Fall 2020 to Fall 2021:
 - 79% course pass rate of LRI tutees
 - 45% participation in mentoring
 - 85% retention of mentees to the following semester
 - 94% retention of Native American students whose families participated in LRI family engagement activities



We welcome visitors at the Little River Institute! As time permits, please drop in while you are on campus. You will find us located on the top floor of the Student Union Building (SUB).