

**The Developing American Indian Science Educators (DAISE)
Student Scholarships and Stipends
*Guidelines, Policies, Terms and Conditions 2013-2014 Academic Year***

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Salish Kootenai College is authorized by federal statutes and regulations to provide a program of training and educational development for selected undergraduate students who are pursuing a Bachelor's of Science in Secondary Science Education degree. The SKC Secondary Science Education Program (BSSE) will competitively select participants from qualified American Indian applicants, without regard to gender and/or disability, to receive financial assistance through the DAISE grant while pursuing the BSSE degree. DAISE funding is provided in the form of scholarships for tuition, fees and book charges related to the students' completion of the BSSE. In addition, a monthly stipend of \$1300 for the nine month academic year may be provided to cover living costs for students while they are enrolled in the BSSE program.

1. Students who are qualified for DAISE funding

- Students who are able to graduate by June 2015 in Secondary Science Education from Salish Kootenai College
- Students who have completed at least 60 quarter or 40 semester hours of courses required for the BSSE, including at least 24 quarter or 16 semester hours of BSSE required math and science courses
- Students who have successfully completed SKC's MATH 100 – College Algebra and ENGL 202 – English Composition II with a grade of "C" or above. Substitution credits from other institutions must be approved by the BSSE advisor.
- Students who have received no less than a "C" in any of the BSSE required courses
- Students who meet the definition of American Indian: 1. A member of an American Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the American Indian tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940, and any tribe or band recognized by the State in which the tribe or band resides; 2. A descendent of a parent or grandparent who meet the requirements of (1) of this definition; 3. Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; 4. An Eskimo, Aleut or other Alaska Native; or 5. A member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988. Students must provide documentation of their heritage, per Salish Kootenai College policy.
- Students who agree to enroll in at least 12 credits/quarter
- Students who work less than 20 hours/week

2. Participant's responsibilities

- Participants must maintain at least a 2.75 cumulative and quarterly grade point average in all of their core courses (Education, Science, Math, and English).
- Participants must successfully complete per BSSE and DAISE requirements at least 12 credits of BSSE required courses per quarter and maintain satisfactory progress toward graduation with a BSSE degree by June 2015. Student cannot withdraw or receive an incomplete for more than 12 credits during the time that they are receiving DAISE funding.
- Participants must remain in good standing as set forth in the *SKC Education Department BSSE Student Handbook* as well as in the *SKC Student Handbook*.
- Participants must provide current and permanent address and contact information.

- Participants must sign a media release in which they agree to the use of their information in reports and other BSSE publications. Participants must meet at least twice per quarter with the project director to review course and program performance.
- Participants must submit a monthly Academic Progress Report signed by each of their instructors, indicating satisfactory status in each class. The report must be submitted to the BSSE office by the due dates indicated on the DAISE calendar distributed each year. Participants who fail to submit the form as described by the due date will not receive their stipend until the next pay period.
- Participants must meet other requirements as delineated in the “Developing American Indian Science Educators Project (DAISE) Terms and Conditions Agreement for Student Receipt of DAISE Funding” document included on the following pages.

3. Institutional responsibilities

- Provide coursework and support services to graduate American Indian teacher education students
- Provide financial assistance to students in the program through monthly stipends
- Provide services to assist students in obtaining employment
- Track and report student information

4. Application procedures

- Students who are interested and qualified for the program must complete an application for the DAISE program.
- Students must sign the DAISE Terms and Conditions Agreement before they are eligible to receive funding.
- Students will receive a letter regarding their acceptance/non-acceptance into the program.

5. Stipend allowance

- Students who are applying for the program will receive a monthly stipend of \$1,300.00 per month as long as the student remains qualified for the program as delineated in the DAISE Terms and Conditions Agreement.
- Stipends will be paid monthly to the student.
- Stipends will only be paid during the months that the student is enrolled full time in courses that are required for the BSSE, typically October through June.
- Stipends are for living expenses only and do not include tuition and books.
- Students must be in good financial standing with Salish Kootenai College.

6. Contact information about the DAISE program:

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Terms and Conditions Agreement for Student Receipt of DAISE Funding 2013-2014

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Authority for Agreement

Salish Kootenai College (SKC) is authorized by federal statutes and regulations to provide a program of training and educational development for selected American Indian and descendant undergraduate students who are pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Science Education (BSSE). This program is called the Developing American Indian Science Educators Project (DAISE). SKC will competitively select American Indian and descendant participants from qualified applicants, without regard to gender and/or disability, to receive financial assistance to aid in meeting the educational expenses incurred by the participants in the pursuit of a BSSE from SKC. This document lays out the conditions that the participant agrees to comply with in order to become and remain eligible for participation in the DAISE Project and to become and remain eligible to receive financial assistance from the project.

Obligations of the Participant

1. The Participant agrees to pursue the prescribed course of study or enroll in a minimum of 12 credits per quarter on a program planned and approved by their primary advisor, Regina Sievert, leading to a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Science Education at Salish Kootenai College with an anticipated graduation date on or before June 2015. The Participant understands and agrees that failure to complete the said degree by this date will result in termination of financial assistance through the DAISE Project.
2. The Participant agrees to pursue the completion of the BSSE degree in a timely manner and with the intention of engaging in a career as a secondary science teacher. The Participant agrees to actively seek employment as a secondary science teacher in the three months preceding and twelve months following graduation from the BSSE. The Participant agrees to work with the SKC Career Center in seeking and preparing applications for open teaching jobs as a secondary science teacher. The Participant further agrees to attend and submit applications for employment as a secondary science teacher at the annual spring educator job fair held at the University of Montana.
3. The Participant agrees to maintain professional dispositions and behaviors in fulfillment of the SKC Education Department's standards (See attached document.). Failure to comply with these standards will result in termination from the DAISE Project and ineligibility for financial assistance from the project.
4. The Participant agrees that they will earn a minimum 2.75 quarterly and cumulative grade point average in all of their core degree courses (all math, science, English and education courses), earn no less than a "C" in each of their courses (and no less than a "B" in education courses at the 300 level or above), and successfully complete at least 12 credits that are required classes for the BSSE degree per quarter to remain in the DAISE Project and to continue receiving financial assistance from the project. Courses in which a grade lower than the BSSE/DAISE requirements are attained are not eligible for inclusion as required credits for the BSSE course program and must be retaken. If the participant drops below a 2.75 quarterly or cumulative GPA or does not attain the required grade as outlined in this agreement in each course they will be suspended from the DAISE project and their monthly stipend will be suspended. The participant agrees that they will have one quarter to raise their quarterly GPA to 2.75. Failure to meet this standard in one quarter will result in the participant's termination as a member of the DAISE project and the loss of the DAISE scholarship and stipend.

5. The Participant agrees to submit the DAISE Project Participant Monthly Monitoring Form, signed by each of the instructors for the courses in which they are currently enrolled and also signed by the Participant, to the DAISE Project Director monthly on the due date indicated on the DAISE calendar for the academic school year. Failure to receive a rating of “Satisfactory” from instructors in every course in which the Participant is enrolled will result in the immediate suspension of financial assistance. The Participant will have two weeks beyond the date of the signing of the form to improve their academic performance to resolve the problem (i.e., the Participant has two weeks to attain an instructor rating of “Satisfactory” for every course in which they are enrolled). Failure to resolve the problem in the two week period allotted may result in the Participant’s permanent suspension from the DAISE program.
6. The Participant agrees that to remain as a member of the DAISE Project and to remain eligible for financial assistance through the project, the Participant cannot accumulate more than a total of 12 credits of courses for which they receive a “Withdrawn” or “Incomplete” during the quarters for which they receive DAISE funding. Failure to meet this standard will result in the participant’s termination as a member of the DAISE project and the permanent loss of the DAISE scholarship and stipend.
7. The Participant agrees that, to remain in the DAISE Project, the Participant can be employed for no more than 20 hours/week while maintaining satisfactory academic progress as prescribed in this document. An approved work schedule, signed by the primary advisor, will be required as a first step toward remediation for the Participant if she/he fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress while employed. Continued academic problems will result in additional measures that may include suspension from the DAISE program.
8. The Participant agrees to remain in good standing regarding any financial obligations to Salish Kootenai College. Stipends are provided to the Participants by the DAISE project for living expenses only. DAISE scholarships are provided for costs of tuition, fees and books incurred as required cost of completing the BSSE.
9. After acceptance into the DAISE Project, the Participant agrees to submit information requested by the DAISE project director in order to remain eligible for continued financial assistance from the project. This may include data (e.g., surveys, grades analysis, work samples, focus groups, individual reflections, and the like) collected for use in the degree assessment and the project evaluation.
11. The Participant agrees to provide the DAISE project director and project coordinator with a current and permanent mailing address, electronic mail address, and telephone number at which they can be contacted and to inform the program coordinator immediately of any changes in said addresses or telephone numbers. The Participant further agrees to answer and/or respond to all correspondence and/or telephone calls from the DAISE Project director and/or Education department chair in a timely and expeditious manner.
12. The Participant agrees to notify the DAISE project director in a timely manner of any intentions she/he has to exit the DAISE Project, i.e., at least two weeks prior to leaving the project.
13. The Participant agrees to allow the reporting of his/her personal information (name and contact information) to the National Science Foundation, the federal agency that funds the DAISE Project, as needed to document the project’s status. Further, the participant agrees to allow the use of their names and photographs in newspaper articles, online newsletters, and the like.
14. The Participant acknowledges that the requirements and obligations for continuous participation in the DAISE Project have been explained to the Participant and the Participant understands the said requirements and obligations.

Obligations of the Salish Kootenai College DAISE Project

1. The SKC DAISE Project agrees to pay the Participant the following amounts:
 - A stipend of \$1300.00 each month during the academic year (beginning no sooner than October 2013 and ending in June of 2015) to be used in paying the Participant's living expenses while the Participant is going to school, is enrolled full time in the BSSE Program, and is in good standing as a member of the DAISE Project per the requirements laid out in this document
 - SKC tuition, lab fees, and book costs incurred as a required cost by the Participant for BSSE courses for each quarter in which the participant is enrolled fulltime at SKC and taking a full course load of 12 or more credit hours, and is in good standing as a participant in the DAISE Project per the requirements laid out in this document
2. The SKC DAISE Project will counsel and advise the Participant to seek another field of study, remove the Participant from the DAISE Project, and terminate any contractual agreements with the Participant if, for any reason, the Participant does not fulfill the requirements as stated herein for continued participation in the DAISE Project or if, for any reason, the Participant does not meet standards for reasonable, necessary and expected work and professional behavior in the field of Education, as determined by the SKC Education Department.

Participant Contact Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number(s): _____

E mail address: _____ SS #: _____

Permanent Contact – Someone who will ALWAYS know how to contact you:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone number(s): _____

E mail address: _____

Funds Offered	Funds Accepted	Participant's Initials	Date Signed
Monthly Stipend: \$1300.00/month	___ YES ___ NO		
Tuition and lab fees	___ YES ___ NO		
Book fees	___ YES ___ NO		

By signing this document, I agree to adhere to all of the conditions outlined herein.

Participant's Signature

Anticipated Graduation Date

Anticipated Degree

State of Montana)
 County of Lake) ss.
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Before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in for the said county and state, on this _____ day of _____, _____, personally appeared _____ to me known to be the identical person who executed the within the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same as his/her free and voluntary act and deed. Given under my hand seal the day and year last above written.

Signature of Notary Public

My commission expires: _____
