



**NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION  
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**February 23, 2021**

To: Native American Heritage Commission Members  
From: Christina Snider, Executive Secretary  
Re: University of California Repatriation Committee Eligibility

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Please find below the statutory language detailing eligibility preferences for the University of California (UC) Systemwide and Campus Committees.

**I. SYSTEMWIDE COMMITTEES**

The Systemwide Committee must include members with the following qualifications:

Tribal Qualifications

**Three (3) voting members of a federally recognized tribe.** (CA Preference)

1. Must be elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member
2. 5+ years' prior experience in any of the following:
  - a. Repatriation of human remains and cultural items under NAGPRA
  - b. Cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law
  - c. Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies

**One (1) voting member of a non-federally recognized tribe,** or if none is available, a member of a federally recognized tribe. (CA Preference)

1. Must be elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member
2. 5+ years' prior experience in any of the following:
  - a. Repatriation of human remains and cultural items under NAGPRA
  - b. Cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law
  - c. Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies

## UC Qualifications

**Four (4) voting members** from the University of California. Two (2)+ affiliated with an American Indian or Native American Studies program. Must:

1. Have a graduate degree in either Archaeology, Anthropology, Native American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Law, Sociology, Environmental Studies, or History, with a focus in California. (may be retired if candidates cannot meet criteria)
2. Have a minimum of five years' experience working in the applicable field of study.

Note: Work with Native American tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management is preferred.

## Nonvoting Members

**One nonvoting member from each campus of the University of California** that is subject to the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (25 U.S.C. Sec. 3001 et seq.). Each of these nonvoting members must meet the UC qualifications, above.

## **II. CAMPUS COMMITTEES**

Campus Committees must include members with the following qualifications:

### Tribal Qualifications

**Two (2) voting members of a federally recognized tribe.** (CA Preference)

1. Must be elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member
2. 5+ years' prior experience in any of the following:
  - a. Repatriation of human remains and cultural items under NAGPRA
  - b. Cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law
  - c. Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies

**One (1) voting member of a non-federally recognized tribe,** or if none is available, a member of a federally recognized tribe. (CA Preference)

1. Must be elder, spiritual leader, tribal leader, or tribal member
2. 5+ years' prior experience in any of the following:
  - a. Repatriation of human remains and cultural items under NAGPRA
  - b. Cultural resources protection under tribal, state, and federal law
  - c. Consultation with state and federal entities and agencies

## UC Qualifications

**Three (3) voting members** from the University of California. At least one of these members shall be affiliated with an American Indian or Native American Studies program. and each of these members shall meet the requirements of subdivision (d).  
Must:

1. Have a graduate degree in either Archaeology, Anthropology, Native American Studies, Ethnic Studies, Law, Sociology, Environmental Studies, or History, with a focus in California. (may be retired if candidates cannot meet criteria)
2. Have a minimum of five (5) years' experience working in the applicable field of study.

Note: Work with Native American tribes successfully on issues related to repatriation or museum collection management is preferred.