We are hiring a Graduate Research Assistant for a four-year National Science Foundation funded project with the Diné Institute for Navajo Nation Educators (DINÉ). The DINÉ is a partnership between the Department of Diné Education, various schools and school districts on the Navajo Nation, and Northern Arizona University to offer long-term professional development to K12 teachers in Navajo schools. The research project will explore the implementation of our professional development model, the impact it has on teacher practice in Navajo-serving classrooms, and its capacity to promote the integration of culturally responsive approaches to teaching.

The Graduate Assistant will provide program assistance to the DINÉ Director and assist with data collection with DINÉ teachers. The Graduate Assistant will also work closely with the co-PIs on the analysis and write up of the data. Data collection will include surveys, interviews, focus groups, and classroom observations. Data collection will occur in multiple locations on the Navajo Nation, so some travel will be required by the Graduate Assistant.

The position begins September 1, 2019, and it ends May 8, 2020, with an option for renewal through the summer and next academic year pending approval from the co-PIs. This is a full time GA position at 20 hours per week during the academic year. It includes an NAU tuition waiver and insurance benefits, as well as salary. The position is also funded for 20 hours per week during the summer months.

Preferred qualifications:
- Full-time doctoral student at NAU. Full-time Masters students will also be considered.
- Based in Flagstaff, with the ability to travel for a few days at a time to various field sites on the Navajo Nation.
- Lived experience with/in Indigenous communities.
- Familiarity and/or experience with/in Native-serving K12 schools.
- Familiarity and/or experience with social science research methodologies and methods.
- Interest in the topic of the study, with potential for this study to inform the student’s own dissertation research.

To apply for this position, please submit your CV and a cover letter that specifically addresses why you would be a good candidate for this position. Please include the phone numbers for at least two professional references. All materials are due via email (angelina.castagno@nau.edu and pradeep.dass@nau.edu) by midnight on August 4. We will interview final candidates on either August 13 or 14.