November 18, 2026

Job Advertisement: Indigenous Engagement Coordinator, International Association for Great Lakes Research

Deadline: To ensure consideration, apply by December 20, 2026.

The International Association for Great Lakes Research (IAGLR) and the Great Lakes Fishery Commission (GLFC) are seeking to hire a part-time Indigenous Engagement Coordinator. This contractor will be employed by IAGLR and will support the development, coordination, and implementation of initiatives that strengthen relationships and advance meaningful collaboration between Indigenous Nations, researchers, and fisheries and environmental organizations. The coordinator will work collaboratively with IAGLR, the GLFC, and Indigenous partners to foster culturally respectful and inclusive spaces for Indigenous participation in scientific and professional settings, including coordinating Indigenous-led activities, sessions, networking opportunities, and knowledge-sharing events at the IAGLR conference. The position will also support opportunities to elevate Indigenous knowledge systems and priorities, facilitate professional development and training opportunities, and create opportunities for Indigenous participation in fisheries and environmental activities and forums. Additional responsibilities include coordinating engagement activities, supporting partnerships, facilitating knowledge exchange, and contributing to initiatives that advance respectful collaboration throughout the Great Lakes Basin.

Key Qualifications and Experience

- Native Hire Preference: Preference will be given to qualified Native/Indigenous applicants.
- Work Authorization: Must be legally authorized to work in the United States and travel to Canada.
- Education: Minimum of a bachelor's degree in Indigenous Studies, Environmental Science, Natural Resources, or a related field.

- Relevant Experience: Demonstrated experience working with Indigenous Nations, Tribal and First Nations communities, Indigenous organizations, or Indigenous-led initiatives in the Great Lakes Region.
- Cultural Knowledge and Awareness: Knowledge and understanding of Indigenous cultures, knowledge systems, community protocols, and culturally respectful approaches to engagement, collaboration, and relationship building.
- Relationship Building: Ability to establish and maintain respectful, collaborative relationships with Indigenous communities and other partners.
- Communication Skills: Strong written, verbal, and interpersonal communication skills, including the ability to communicate effectively across diverse audiences and cultural contexts.
- Travel: Ability and willingness to travel quarterly to meetings, conferences, community engagement activities, and partnership development and initiatives.

Hourly Rate: Up to $40/hour depending on experience

Position Type: Part-time contractor position, up to 25 hours/week

Contract Term: One-year contract renewable for up to three years

How to apply: To be considered for this position, please send a resume or CV, names and contact information for two professional references, with a cover letter describing experience relevant to this position. The application package should be sent to IAGLR Executive Director Jérôme Marty at jmarty@iaglr.org.

Application Deadline: Please submit all application materials by 5PM EST on December 20, 2026. Only applicants selected for an interview will be contacted.

About IAGLR

IAGLR is a scientific organization composed of researchers studying the Laurentian Great Lakes, other large lakes of the world, and their watersheds, as well as those with an interest in such research. IAGLR members encompass all scientific disciplines with a common interest in the management of large lake ecosystems. IAGLR's vision is to promote and foster a peaceful world in which large lake ecosystems are valued and healthy; where these ecosystems inspire curiosity, awe, love and respect, and stewardship in all people. To achieve this vision, IAGLR is an equal opportunity employer, committed to a diverse and inclusive employee and volunteer workforce that is united by a passion for Great Lakes research. All employment decisions at IAGLR are based on business / organizational need, job requirements, and individual qualifications and performance without regard to race, color, religion, gender identity or expression, sex (including pregnancy), sexual orientation, national / ethnic origin, marital status, past or present military service, medical history, genetics, or disability. IAGLR commits to full compliance with employment laws in locations where it operates.

About the GLFC:

The Great Lakes Fishery Commission was established in 1955 by the Canadian/U.S. Convention on Great Lakes Fisheries. The commission coordinates fisheries research, controls the invasive sea lamprey, and facilitates cooperative fishery management among the state, provincial, tribal, and federal agencies.