# OPEN CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

**Online Course** 



Advocating for Indigenous Women's Rights through the UN System.

Certificate course offered by the University of Arizona







Developed in collaboration between Land is Life and the University of Arizona, this course provides a learning opportunity for Indigenous women from across the seven socio-cultural regions to gain hands-on experience in engaging with and navigating the United Nations' human rights system. Students will learn from high-level guest speakers, including UN Special Rapporteurs, Indigenous leaders, and distinguished scholars.



# **FORMAT**

The course will be conducted online, featuring weekly content, guest lectures, group activities, and individual projects. It will provide a virtual platform where participants can access relevant materials, engage in group and individual assignments, and develop their projects collaboratively.

Each week, participants will watch a basic video lecture from the instructor introducing the weekly topic (about one hour). This will be followed by a one-hour Zoom seminar featuring a guest speaker to explore the topic in greater depth.

Participants will work closely with students from the University of Arizona to develop their final projects, fostering collaboration and exchange of ideas. Enrolled students who complete the course requirements will receive a certificate of completion from the Human Rights Practice Program and the Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program.

Number of vacancies: 15



# **Objective:**

Strengthen the capacity of Indigenous women by enhancing their knowledge to navigate and utilize various United Nations mechanisms to defend their rights, providing a platform for sharing ideas, experiences, and cosmovision and fostering a supportive network.



## **Expected results:**

Students will gain practical skills in human rights advocacy and contribute to projects that empower Indigenous women and support their fight for justice and visibility on a global stage.



# Who can apply:

Indigenous women over 18 years old with experience in supporting Indigenous Peoples' communities, committed to advancing their rights.



# Languages:

English & Spanish.



#### **Duration:**

Seven weeks, from March 17 to May 2025, about two weekly hours for lectures and another two for assignments and project development.

# Tentative dates for the guest speakers' presentations:

Week	Date	Topic
Week 1	March 20, 2025	Legal Framework.
Week 2	March 27, 2025	United Nation Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).
Week 3	April 3, 2025	Advocacy: Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.
Week 4	April 10, 2025	Special Procedures.
Week 5	April 17, 2025	Treaty Bodies.
Week 6	April 24, 2025	Universal Periodic Review.
Week 7	May 1-7, 2025	Final Presentations by Participants.



# **Technology Requirement:**

Internet connection and availability of a computer or tablet (for working on your assignments and final project).



## **Registration period:**

from January 13 to February 10, 2025.



#### **Results:**

by February 24, 2025.



# Beginning of the classes:

March 17, 2025.



Fill the application form here



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