The TURTLE program is an undergraduate research program for Native American students funded by the Seven Generations Center of Excellence in Native Behavioral Health (SGCoE). The goal of the program is to provide behavioral health undergraduates Community Based Participatory Research experiences and training to prepare them for graduate school in psychology. The program provides a 10-week summer research experience under the direction of selected faculty members with the SGCoE at the UND School of Medicine and Health Sciences. The research themes will include opportunities for research in mental health, suicide prevention, substance abuse, and other issues relevant to Indian Country. Seminar programs will cover the range of basic science to community-based research programs and ethical research in Native American communities.

The TURTLE program has four openings for the summer of 2017 for rising college sophomores, juniors and seniors. Participants will receive $5,000 based on a 10-week, 40 hours per week research experience. Interested participants must complete an application, including an autobiographical sketch indicating their interest in summer research, and submit their college transcript and two letters of recommendation.

The program begins Tuesday, May 30th, 2017 and runs through Friday, August 4th, 2017. Participants must be undergraduate students. Students graduating in the spring of 2017 are not eligible. Applications coming soon and will be accepted until April 15th, 2017 (or until all positions are filled).

Learn more about the Turtle program by visiting: ruralhealth.und.edu/projects/coe-in-native-behavioral-health/undergraduate-research-experiences.