The NAIS Graduate Cluster creates space for intellectual exchange and study in the theories and topics of NAIS. An interdisciplinary field encompassing such areas as history, law, literature, political science, medicine, environmental studies, and more, NAIS examines Native cultural expressions, legal and political issues, and lived experiences across time, place, and disciplinary categories. NAIS produces scholarship, creative expressions, and praxis that are theoretically informed and engaged with or responsive to tribal nations and communities and that seek to understand and transform political, pedagogical, and institutional structures grounded in settler colonialism.

The NAIS Graduate Cluster aims to create opportunities and training in NAIS for our students through our invited speakers, yearly themes, professionalization workshops, mentoring and symposia. It will create a space in which faculty, postdoctoral fellows, and graduate students can come together for intellectual exchange, cross-pollination, and activism.

REQUIREMENTS

Complete three courses that address NAIS topics or scholarship.

Attend Center-sponsored conversations and events on research and professionalization

Attend major conferences in NAIS (Center funding will be available)

Apply for and attend Newberry Consortium in American Indian Studies summer institute and spring workshop and fellowships

Participate in mentoring workshops with faculty and postdoctoral fellows

Present on research at end of year symposia

Attend workshops on academic and career opportunities hosted by the Center and The Graduate School

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