

[Tribal Letterhead]

Sample Claim Letter for Culturally Affiliated Unassociated Funerary Objects, Sacred
Objects, or Objects of Cultural Patrimony

[DATE]

Vice Chancellor Gary Matthews
University of California, San Diego
9500 Gilman Drive
La Jolla, CA 92093

Dear Vice Chancellor Matthews,

I am contacting you on behalf of the [tribe]. The [tribe] would like to formally claim Native American [unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony] that we believe are culturally affiliated with the [tribe] under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

The [tribe] is respectfully requesting repatriation of the following [unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony] housed at University of California, San Diego:

[Accession ____/Site ____/Catalog # and Object name
Accession ____/Site ____/ Catalog # and Object name
Repeat as necessary or attach additional list]

The [tribe] is a Federally-recognized Indian Tribe and can demonstrate cultural affiliation based on [insert supporting information as necessary and appropriate].

[Please provide detailed information on the how the claimed materials qualify as unassociated funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. If claiming objects already determined to be unassociated funerary objects, no additional information necessary.]

We look forward to working with your staff on advancing this claim. We recognize that transfer cannot occur until at least thirty (30) days after publication of the Notice of Intent to Repatriate in the Federal Register.

Sincerely,

Tribal Chair [or designated NAGPRA Representative]

Cc: Eva Trujillo, NAGPRA Repatriation Coordinator