

**FISCAL YEAR 2022 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS
TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**



Appropriations Bill: INTERIOR

Agency: Bureau of Indian Education

AUTHORIZATION/TCU PROGRAM	FY 2020 ENACTED	FY 2021 ENACTED	FY 2022 AIHEC REQUEST
Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act [25 USC 1801 et seq.]			
Title I, II, III and contracts (29 TCUs)	\$74,282,000	\$76,510,000	\$93,257,409 \$9,937/ISC (Title I) \$17M (Title II) \$109K (Title III) TA: \$701,000
Title V (Tribal career/technical institutions)	\$7,914,000	\$8,151,000	\$15,000,000
TCU Construction & Facilities Improvement		\$15,000,000	\$35,000,000
American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Culture and Art Development Act [20 USC 4411]			
Institute of American Indian Arts w/Center for Lifelong Education & Museum	\$10,458,000	\$10,772,000	\$11,000,000
The Snyder Act [25 USC 13]			
Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	\$23,748,000	\$26,258,000	\$28,000,000
<p>Honor Sovereignty: Most TCUs are chartered by their respective American Indian tribes which hold a long-established special legal relationship with the U.S. federal government. Their relationships were actualized by more than 400 treaties, several Supreme Court decisions, Congressional action, and the ceding of more than one billion acres of land to the U.S. Despite the trust responsibility and treaty obligations, TCUs' primary source of operating funds from the federal government has never been fully funded.</p> <p>Chronic Underfunding: Through the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUA), most TCUs received \$8,303 per Indian Student for academic year 2020-21 for basic institutional operations. It has taken over 42 years to come within reach of achieving the Congressionally authorized funding level of \$9,937* per Indian Student (*\$8,000 adjusted for inflation). We ask Congress to step toward adequately funding these deserving—and historically underfunded—TRIBAL institutions of higher education.</p> <p>TCU Construction & Facilities Improvement: A key part of the mission of TCUs is to prepare AI/ANs and other rural community members to thrive in the nation's workforce. For TCUs to realize this goal, they must have the facilities necessary to educate and train students for 21st Century jobs. A 2018 study involving 22 TCUs revealed a list of chronic facilities-related needs, including student and faculty housing, classrooms, libraries, and laboratories. Extrapolating data from this study to all 35 accredited TCUs, results in the follow total: Deferred Maintenance/Rehabilitation: \$500 million; Completion of Master Plans: \$837 million. In FY 2021, Congress provided \$15 million for TCU construction. For FY 2022, we are requesting \$35 million (\$1 million per TCU) to to begin addressing various TCU shovel ready projects.</p>			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p>The Nation's 37 Tribal Colleges and Universities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Operate more than 75 campuses and sites in 16 states • 80 percent of TCU students receive federal financial aid • TCU students represent well over half of the 574 federally recognized tribes • Serve over 160,000 AI/AN students and other rural residents annually through academic and community-based programs. </div>			