

**FISCAL YEAR 2024/25 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS
REQUESTS TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**



Appropriations Bill: INTERIOR

Agency: Bureau of Indian Education

AUTHORIZATION/TCU PROGRAM	FY 2022 ENACTED	FY 2023 ENACTED	FY 2024 House/Senate	FY 2024/25 AIHEC REQUEST (Inflation adjustment of 4%)
Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act [25 USC 1801 et seq.]				
Title I, II, III and contracts & NCAA (29 TCUs) *request includes an inflation adjustment	\$76,510,000	\$87,926,000 (\$9,182/ISC)	H-\$87,926,000 S-\$87,926,000	\$108,590,607* \$11,333 ISC (Title I) \$17,663M (Title II) \$113,251K (Title III) TA: \$728,339
Title V (Tribal career/technical institutions)	\$8,151,000	\$9,156,000	H-\$9,156,000 S-\$9,156,000	\$15,000,000 (\$15,600,000)
TCU Construction & Facilities Improvement	\$15,000,000	\$16,000,000	H-\$16,000,000 S-\$16,500,000	\$35,000,000 (\$36,400,000)
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	\$11,741,000	\$13,482,000	H-\$13,000,000 S-\$13,482,000	\$13,982,000 (\$14,541,280)
The Snyder Act [25 USC 13]				
Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	\$28,622,000	\$30,325,000	H-\$30,325,000 S-\$30,325,000	TBD

Honor Sovereignty: Most TCUs are chartered by their respective Tribes which hold a long-established special legal relationship with the U.S. federal government. Their relationships were actualized by more than 400 treaties, multiple Supreme Court decisions, Congressional action, and the ceding of more than one billion acres of land. Despite the trust responsibility and treaty obligations, TCUs primary source of operating funds from the federal government has never been fully funded.

Chronic Underfunding: Through the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act, most TCUs received \$9,182 per Indian Student or academic year 2023-24 for basic institutional operations. It has taken over 43 years to come within reach of achieving the Congressionally authorized funding level of \$10,907 per Indian Student.

The nation's 35 accredited Tribal Colleges and Universities:

- Operate 90 campuses and sites in 15 states
- Approx 75% of TCU students receive Pell grants
- 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

Request TCU Construction and Facilities Improvement: \$3.2 billion (total): A July 2021 AIHEC survey of TCUs revealed many chronic unmet facilities and infrastructure needs, including a lack of student and faculty housing, inadequate classroom space, insufficient libraries, and outdated laboratories.

- TCU deferred maintenance/rehabilitation: \$4000 million (total)
- TCU completion of master plans: \$2.7 billion (total)
- TCU operation and maintenance: \$20 million (annual, recurring need)

AIHEC strongly urges Congress to fund dedicated TCU facilities programs through DOI-BIE to modernize current facilities and build safer 21st-century campuses.