

**FISCAL YEAR 2021 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS
TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**



Appropriations Bill: INTERIOR

Agency: Bureau of Indian Education

AUTHORIZATION/TCU PROGRAM	FY 2019 ENACTED	FY 2020 ENACTED	FY 2021 AIHEC REQUEST
Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act [25 USC 1801 et seq.]			
Title I, II, III and contracts (29 TCUs)	\$70,793,000	\$74,282,000	\$82,000,000 Fund at \$8K/ISC (Title I) \$17M (Title II) \$109K (Title III) TA: \$701,000
Title V (Tribal career/technical institutions)	\$7,505,000	\$7,914,000	\$15,000,000
TCU Infrastructure Improvement (25 USC 1813)			\$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	\$9,960,000	\$10,458,000	\$10,710,000
The Synder Act [25 USC 13]			
Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute	\$39,398,000 (Includes forward funding)	\$23,748,000	\$25,000,000
<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 has never been fully funded.</p> <p>Chronic Underfunding: Through the Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities Assistance Act (TCCUA), most TCUs received \$7,356 per Indian Student for academic year 2019-20 for basic institutional operations. It has taken over 41 years to come within reach of achieving the Congressionally authorized funding level of \$8,000 per Indian Student. But the funding is still short. We ask Congress to step toward adequately funding these deserving—and historically underfunded—<i>TRIBAL</i> institutions of higher education.</p>			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="flex: 1;"> <p>Academic Year 2019-2020</p> <p>\$ 7,356</p> <p>per Indian Student</p> <p>TCCUAA: \$8,000 per Indian Student</p> </div> <div style="flex: 0.5; border-left: 1px solid black; margin: 0 10px;"></div> <div style="flex: 0.5; text-align: center;"> </div> </div>			
<p>TCU Infrastructure Improvement: We urge Congress to fund section 113 of the TCCUAA (25 USC. 1813) and finally establish an infrastructure development program for TCUs. 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 recent TCU assessment revealed that \$120 million is needed for current TCU shovel-ready projects and facilities rehabilitation.</p>			