

## About AIHEC

AIHEC is the collective spirit and unifying voice of our nation's 36 Tribal Colleges and Universities. AIHEC provides leadership and influences public policy on American Indian higher education issues through advocacy, research, and program initiatives; promotes and strengthens Indigenous languages, cultures, communities, and tribal nations; and through its unique position, serves member institutions and emerging TCUs.

AIHEC promotes student leadership through:

- AIHEC Student Congress
- Mr. and Ms. AIHEC
- Summer TCU Student L.I.F.E. Conference
- Annual TCU Student Competitions
- AIHEC February Capitol Hill Days
- STEM Internship Opportunities
- *Tribal College Journal* Student Edition

Visit the Aseto'ne Network Project webpage for up to date information regarding the institute and to connect to other events, activities and resources:

[aihec.org/what-we-do/asetoneNetwork.htm](http://aihec.org/what-we-do/asetoneNetwork.htm)

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# AIHEC ASETO'NE NETWORK PROJECT

## Mentoring Program for TCU Students



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# AIHEC Aseto'ne Project—

# GUIDING STUDENTS INTO RESEARCH CAREERS AND A BRIGHTER FUTURE

AIHEC's Aseto'ne Network Project is a new initiative to help TCU students learn about and pursue important and enriching career opportunities available in **health sciences research**. In the Cheyenne language, **Aseto'ne** refers to the concepts of growth and taking first steps. In this project, AIHEC and the University of Nebraska Medical Center are introducing TCU students to the world of health sciences research through **mentoring** and **experiential education** opportunities.

## MENTORING PROGRAM

The Aseto'ne Network Project provides support and opportunities for TCU students interested in health research to interact with near-peers on health career tracks and professional researchers. The program is connecting TCU students with mentors that support and guide them toward their academic and professional goals.

Mentors and mentees will communicate through email, video chat, or phone calls. Also, participants will have a chance to interact and engage with peers through webinar meetings and online discussion boards.

## MENTORS

AIHEC is seeking mentors who are willing to volunteer their time, share their experiences, and offer career development guidance to aspiring TCU students. Mentors can be critical to a student's success and most usually have been mentored themselves as a student.

Mentors will work closely with their TCU student mentees providing guidance and support through regular communications. Online events/activities through the program will help engage students. The mentor positions are voluntary and the time commitment is estimated five hours per month.

## MENTEES (TCU Students)

TCU students who would like to work with a TCU faculty/instructor or Native professional by participating in interactive mentoring are invited to join the Aseto'ne Network Project Mentoring Program.

Mentees will be matched with a mentor with similar background and interests with whom they will communicate on a regular basis, and assist in finding opportunities and resources to enhance the student's academic experience and explore health research career options.

**Interested in becoming a MENTOR or participating in the Aseto'ne Network Project MENTORING Program? Contact Darryl Monteau at [dmonteau@aihec.org](mailto:dmonteau@aihec.org).**

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