

## AIHEC 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

### AIHEC NARCH TCU BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESEARCH NETWORK

The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) is soliciting applications from faculty and staff of the **Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs)** in the field of behavioral health as part of our effort to develop and support behavioral health research and education programs. Travel for approximately 20 individuals will be supported to assist TCU staff and/or faculty to attend the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Behavioral Health Institute. The Institute is scheduled for June 19-21, 2017, and will be hosted by Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. Applications will be accepted now through May 1, 2017. Additional applications may be accepted after this date until funding is allocated if relevant.

#### I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

The TCU Behavioral Health Research Network project will establish a network of TCUs with behavioral health research and education programs. Its purpose is to develop and support a tribal community-based research program that will identify, develop, pilot and evaluate intervention strategies and models addressing significant behavioral health issues in the communities served by the TCUs. *The Behavioral Health Institute is intended to provide training necessary to enable TCUs to enhance their capacity to provide effective behavioral health treatment, prevention, education, and research abilities for TCU faculty and students.* Ultimately AIHEC seeks to help address funding disparities that contribute to the lack of ownership that AIANs experience with regard to research.

#### II. COMPETITIVE SELECTION FOR AWARD

##### 1. Applicant Eligibility

- Applications will be accepted from faculty or staff of Regular AIHEC members in good standing, except the six current awarded TCU research teams as they have travel funds included in their project budget. Faculty and staff not on the research teams of one of the six current TCUs are eligible to apply. The six current NARCH sub-awards include ANC, FPCC, HINU, IC, KBOCC and KBOCC.

#### III. REQUIRED APPLICATION FORMAT (Attached)

#### IV. APPLICATION SUBMISSION

**Application Deadline:** *The application deadline is May 1, 2017, 5:00 p.m. local time (place of submission) with applications accepted until all funding is allocated.*

1. Applicants are required to submit an electronic application (**completed**).
2. Applicants will be required to complete a Professional Development Report Form after attending the Institute.
3. Awards will be made directly to your TCU to be applied to your overall travel costs.
4. Submit applications (and questions) to:

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**Award Notification:** Applicants will be notified by May 12, 2017.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This is a 5-year project funded through the National Institutes of Health Native American Research Centers in Health (NARCH) program.





<b>Applicant Information</b>		
Name:		
Title:	Email:	Phone:
Tribal College/University:		How long at TCU?
Academic Department/Program:		
Professional certifications:		
Please describe the behavioral health aspects of your work and educational experience. Please briefly describe your long term professional plans involving behavioral health.		
Describe how the Institute will further your professional goals benefit your college/university.		
Signature of applicant:		Date:
Signature of supervisor:		Date:
Signature of TCU President:		Date:
Funds will be sent to your TCU to be applied to your overall travel costs to the 4th Annual AIHEC Behavioral Health Institute, June 19 – 21, 2017.		\$

**Please complete the entire application with as much detail as possible.**