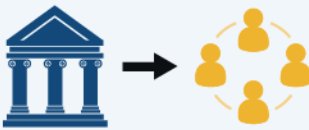


FY2024

Sources of Federal Funding for Tribal Colleges and Universities



The federal government has a trust responsibility to federally recognized Tribes and has committed to a policy supporting Tribal self-determination. One way this responsibility and policy is carried out is through federal support for Tribal colleges and universities (TCUs).



There are 35 federally funded TCUs, and all have been designated as 1994 land-grant institutions under the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (7U.S.C. §301 note). The federal government has designated certain colleges and universities as land-grant institutions to promote and fund their focus on the agricultural and mechanical arts. TCUs can be grouped into the following categories:



- ▶ **Tribally controlled colleges and universities (TCCUs)** – 31 institutions that are formally controlled, or have been formally sanctioned, or chartered, by the governing body of a Tribe or Tribes, including 2 designated as Tribal technical colleges (Tech TCCUs);
- ▶ **Federal institutions** – 2 institutions operated by the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) for the postsecondary education of Tribal members; and
- ▶ **Other institutions** – 2 other institutions: Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDL), which is operated through a Tribal-state partnership, and the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), which is a federally chartered entity for the study of Indian art and culture.



29 TCCUs



2 Technical TCCUs (Tech TCCUs)



2 Federal Institutions (BIE)



Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College (FDL)



Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA)

While TCUs receive additional federal funding not shown here, the programs below each provided \$4 million or more in funding to TCUs in FY2024, for a total of \$319 million. Each entry notes the administering agency and eligible TCU types.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		TECH				
	\$ in millions	TCCUS	TCCUS	BIE	FDL	IAIA
Tribal Colleges and Universities Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)	\$89	✓				
Haskell Indian Nations University and Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute (BIE)	\$30			✓		
Tribal Colleges Facilities Improvement and Repair (Indian Affairs and BIE)	\$16	✓	✓			
Tribal Technical Colleges (BIE)	\$9		✓			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION						
American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (OPE)	\$80	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tribally Controlled Postsecondary Career and Technical Institutions (OCTAE)	\$12		✓			
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE						
Tribal Colleges Endowment Fund (NIFA)	\$12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tribal Colleges Extension (NIFA)	\$11	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Facilities Tribal College Initiative (RHS)	\$8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tribal Colleges Educational Equity Grants (NIFA)	\$7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Federally Recognized Tribes Extension (NIFA)	\$4	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION						
Tribal Colleges and Universities Program (EDU)	\$20	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
INSTITUTE OF AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS						
IAIA	\$13					✓
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES						
Tribal Colleges and Universities Head Start Partnership Program (ACF, OHS)	\$8	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Sources: Congressional budget justifications and other agency documents.

Notes: ACF is the Administration for Children and Families. BIE is the Bureau of Indian Education. EDU is the Directorate for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Education. FDL is Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. IAIA is Institute of American Indian Arts. Indian Affairs is the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs. NIFA is the National Institute of Food and Agriculture. OCTAE is the Office of Career and Technical Education. OHS is the Office of Head Start. OPE is the Office of Postsecondary Education. RHS is the Rural Housing Service. TCCU is Tribally controlled college or university. TCU is Tribal college or university.

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