

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COBELL GRADUATE SUMMER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

Q: What are the eligibility requirements?

A: To qualify for the Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, eligible applicants must:

- Be an enrolled member of a US Federally-Recognized tribe; and,
- Be attending a nonprofit institution; and,
- Be conducting research during the summer months that is for a graduate degree; and,
- Demonstrate a competitive grade point average.

Please note that upon Finalist selection, IEI will verify both Tribal Enrollment as well as institutional enrollment on behalf of the applicant.

Q: What are the benefits of being a Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellow?

A: During the summer in which students are a Cobell Fellow, they receive \$5,000 in two disbursements to help with research being conducted in the summer months. Fellows receive guidance and support from the Indigenous Education, Inc. (IEI) Fellowship Team during the summer in which they are an active Fellow, as well as continued support thereafter. The Cobell Fellow cohort is growing into a strong group of Native researchers with whom Fellows have the opportunity to connect, collaborate, and engage. Fellows also may have the opportunity and support from IEI to present research at pertinent conferences.

Q: What does the application entail?

A: To apply, applicants must begin by completing a General Application Profile via the Cobell Online Application and Student Information System (OASIS). Once this is complete, applicants at the graduate levels will be matched with the Cobell Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Opportunity. This portion of the application requires the following:

- A PDF copy of Official Transcript; and,
- Forecasted budget and timeline for the Summer in which research will be conducted; and,
- Indication of support from the faculty supervisor overseeing the research (this will be collected via the OASIS system upon providing faculty's email address); and,

- A description of the research project for which the applicant is requesting support; and,
- A current CV/Academic Resume; and,
- A short answer essay.

Q: How many Fellows are selected each summer?

A: Being a highly competitive Fellowship, there are five (5) Cobell Fellows awarded each summer.

Q: How are Finalists selected?

A: All eligible applications are reviewed by external reviewers. Recommendations are sent by these reviewers to IEI and the Cobell Fellowship Team for review and final selection.

Q: How will Finalists be notified?

A: All finalists will be notified via the email with which the OASIS account was created.

Q: Can Fellowship applicants apply for other opportunities on OASIS (i.e. The Cobell Scholarship, AISES, etc)?

A: Yes! Please apply to as many opportunities for which you may be eligible. IEI does not discourage cross-applying.