



# About the IKEEP Apprenticeship Indigenous Knowledge for Effective Education



## Welcome to the IKEEP Apprenticeship pathway at the University of Idaho!

### Who is the IKEEP apprenticeship for?

The IKEEP apprenticeship is for Native American underclassman students from University of Idaho, North Idaho College, Lewis & Clark State College, Northwest Indian College, (Lapwai campus), and other accredited colleges in the State of Idaho to participate in an IKEEP-led professional development and mentorship program designed to build engagement in education career pathways inclusive of Indigenous knowledge systems and community-centered education. Apprentice scholars are either undeclared in their major or in the early stages of declaring a major in early childhood, elementary, secondary, or youth leadership education.

### What is an IKEEP apprenticeship?

The one-year, two semester apprenticeship program is designed to provide opportunities for Native American underclassman to explore possible careers in education and gain experience from educators serving Indigenous communities through sovereign-affirming frameworks. Apprentice candidates will engage in discussion and application of ways to better serve Indigenous children from pre-school to high school.

### What are the required program activities?

Students will participate in two in-person IKEEP summits; one Fall semester and one Spring semester. Students will participate in talking circles via zoom with Indigenous education mentors and IKEEP pre-service teacher scholars. In addition, participants will be invited to attend one regional Indian Education conference during the summer months.

### APPRENTICESHIP AT-A-GLANCE

FALL SEMESTER
IKEEP Fall summit, TBD (Will be announced at least 2 months in advance)
IKEEP Talking Circles, 2x per semester via Zoom
SPRING SEMESTER
IKEEP Spring Summit, TBD (Will be announced at least 2 months in advance)
IKEEP Talking Circles, 2x per semester via Zoom
SUMMER SEMESTER
Idaho Indian Education Summit, or similar regional Indian Education Conference, TBD

Learn more about IKEEP here: [IKEEP Story](#)





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### FAQ



**How much time should I expect to commit to IKEEP apprenticeship?** The number of hours per week students spend on their studies outside of class varies. IKEEP apprenticeship requires a minimum of 2-hrs of participation per month in mentorship sessions. These mentorship sessions include a group talking circle and an individualized meeting with an IKEEP mentor. Participants are expected to attend 1 IKEEP summit in the fall and 1 during the spring semester. Each summit will last 2-5 days.

**What are the benefits of an IKEEP apprenticeship?** Apprentices gain specialized mentorship and career development support from the University of Idaho and the IKEEP network. Apprentices will be exposed to the unique mentorship of Indigenous scholars and experts in the field of education, including IKEEP alumni, leaders in Indian Education policy, and faculty experts who specialize in Indigenous education and Indigenous studies. Apprentices gain valuable opportunities to explore diverse roles in the field of education and hands-on experience in what it looks like to serve AI/AN communities from a culturally sustaining and revitalizing pedagogy. Should you choose to pursue an education pathway, you will have built a network of support, mentorship, and community that will last far beyond your academic experience.

**Does the apprenticeship come with a scholarship?** Apprentice scholars will receive \$500.00 per semester for one year. The scholarship requires apprentices to demonstrate good academic standing at their institution and attendance in IKEEP required activities. Additionally, all costs for program-required summit travel will be covered.

How do I apply?

1. Complete application: [IKEEP apprenticeship application](#)
2. Submit application to [ikeep@uidaho.edu](mailto:ikeep@uidaho.edu) and include the following items:
  - a. One letter of recommendation, (two welcome) from any of the following:
    - i. advisor, teacher, professor, Dean, supervisor. (Form included in the application)