

FINANCIAL AID

Financial assistance is available through fellowships, grants, assistantships, and loans. Finding fellowships and scholarships can be a time-consuming but fruitful process. The GINSP website lists major organizations that generally offer funding for native students, but students should keep in mind that organizations and institutions offer scholarships and fellowships to students based on a wide variety of factors and purposes, including: residency, educational discipline, racial heritage, parents' occupation, disabilities, military service, career choice, etc.

Meeting with a librarian well-versed in searching the internet is an important first step.

Qualifying for In-State Tuition

In accordance with Kansas State law (KSA 76-731), any person who is attending, or has attended Haskell Indian Nations University, and is an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, is entitled to pay in-state tuition regardless of their domicile.

Applying for GINSP Scholarships

The Global Indigenous Nations Studies Program (GINSP) at the University of Kansas awards limited financial aid through the following scholarship application process. Program faculty separately assess the incoming and current students based on the requirements stated below.

You must submit all application materials, including cover page, original essay, and transcripts, or KU ARTS form, by March 15 to:

The University of Kansas, Global Indigenous Nations Studies Program
1410 Jayhawk Blvd., 6 Lippincott Hall
Lawrence, KS 66045-7515

Incoming Students

- Only students admitted on regular status are eligible. Students admitted as “provisional” or “probationary” remain ineligible until they achieve regular status.
- *Your* cumulative GPA (transcripts must be on file in the GINSP office or submitted as part of the application).
- An essay (see information below).

Current Students

- Master's program GPA (include your current KU ARTS form in application).
- Progress through program (Students on academic probation or with more than one incomplete are ineligible).
- Essay (see information below).

- Eligibility for scholarships requires you to attend at least three (3) Brown Bag presentations per semester. The GINSP office maintains a list of presentations that count towards this requirement.
- *Required Cover Letter* that discusses what you have learned in GINSP to date, your remaining goals in the program, and your career or educational plans following graduation (if known).

Required Essay for Incoming and Current Students

- Provide an analytical discussion of a topic you consider to be of importance to Indigenous Peoples.
- This essay must be original and written specifically for this scholarship competition.
- The maximum length is 1,000 words in length, double-spaced, and typed, 12 pt. font.
- The following guidelines, patterned on the GRE Essay Scoring Guide, may assist you in writing your essay. An essay with a score of:
 - 4 - Addresses an issue of critical importance to Indigenous Peoples, presents a cogent, well-articulated analysis of the issue and proposes a potentially viable solution, or approach, to the problem.
 - 3 - Addresses an issue of critical importance to Indigenous Peoples, presents a generally thoughtful, well-developed analysis of the complexities of issue and conveys meaning clearly.
 - 2 - Addresses an issue of critical importance to Indigenous Peoples, presents a competent analysis of the issue and conveys meaning adequately.
 - 1 - Addresses an issue of critical importance to Indigenous Peoples, demonstrates some competence in its analysis of the issue and in conveying meaning but is obviously flawed.
- To apply for GINSP funding designated for study abroad programs, you must have been enrolled in GINSP for at least one Fall or Spring semester.

KU Financial Assistance and Employment

The University of Kansas offers a limited number of scholarships for graduate students. Complete information on KU scholarships is provided at the following website:

<http://www.scholarships.ku.edu/graduate.shtml>

The KU Office of Student Financial Aid will assist you in filling out scholarship forms and loan applications. For assistance in filling out paperwork associated with BIA or Tribal Scholarships, call the Financial Aid Counselor at 864-4736.

The Human Resources and Equal Opportunity Office maintains a listing of all KU job openings and descriptions. Complete information provided at the following website: <https://jobs.ku.edu/>

Applying for GINSP Employment

The GINSP Office has a limited number of employment opportunities open to students. Most of the positions are work-study and require you to apply through the Office of Student Financial Aid for work-study funding. Complete information provided at the following website: <http://www.financialaid.ku.edu/>