



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is Loan-for-Service Aid?

All ITEP students receive a Loan-for-Service aid package. All expenses (tuition, fees, books, technology, stipends, mileage, etc.) accrued during your time in ITEP will be tracked and logged within your own account during the two years of the training program. After completing the program, participants “payback” the loan through service in schools/programs serving Indigenous students. The service payback requirement is based on the length of time you received funding. This means that if you received two years of funding through ITEP, you will be expected to provide service at a school/program serving Indigenous students for two years. During the service payback, you do not have to pay back any actual money. This means that the salary you earn at your job will not be affected.

Keep in mind that all aid received through ITEP is considered a **loan** that will need to be paid back in some way. Students who do not pay back the loan through service will be required to pay back in cash similar to a federal loan.

How Much Aid Will I Receive?

Technology

ITEP students receive a personal laptop at the beginning of the program valued at ~\$1,200

Tuition and Stipend

During the regular academic year (SP20, FA20, SP21*,FA21*)

- Tuition & Fees (~\$6,103)
- Books (~\$600)
- Monthly Stipend of \$650 (\$3,250 for the semester)
 - Dependent care stipend (this amount varies)

*For Spring and Fall 2021 participants will receive an additional stipend for travel to and from practicum/student teaching.

During the Summer (SUM20, SUM21)

- Tuition & Fees (~\$2,900)
- Books (~\$300)
- Summer stipend of \$650
 - Dependent care stipend (this amount varies)



Stipends for Dependents

Accepted students with dependents may be eligible for an additional monthly stipend. Contact ITEP for more information.

Should I Apply for Other Financial Aid?

While ITEP aid will cover a significant portion of your educational expenses, it will not cover everything. We encourage all students to submit their FAFSA and apply for federal, tribal, and other aid.

How Much Time Will I Spend on Campus and Doing Field Experience?

Courses and field experience will vary among the 4 semesters; however, general information is provided below:

- A unique reflective seminar session, entitled “Indigenizing Pedagogies: Teachers as Nation Builders” is required.
- Required attendance at summer workshops. Topics include Indigenizing STEM, Use of Tribal Languages in the classroom etc.
- Field Experience will be at a partner school (e.g., Tohono O’odham schools, Tucson Unified School District, Baboquivari Unified School District, Gila River Indian Community Schools, Sacaton Public Schools). Hours vary each semester.
- Student Teaching will be either at a partner school or any school that serves a high population of Native students.