

UWM'S ELECTA QUINNEY INSTITUTE FOR AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION  
TEACHER TRAINING AND ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM  
FAQ

**What is the Electa Quinney Institute?**

We are a small research institute focused on American Indian Education located on the UW-Milwaukee campus. The institute is named for Electa Quinney, Wisconsin's first public school teacher. EQI supports the Native American community on the UWM campus, throughout Milwaukee and Wisconsin, and beyond through various programs, outreach, education and research.

**What is the Teacher Training and Administrative Leadership Program?**

The four-year grant funded by the Office of Indian Education at the U.S. Department of Education is to help support and prepare qualified Native Americans to become teachers or administrators.

**Which academic programs do you support?**

This program supports degrees offered through the School of Education at all levels; bachelor's degree, post-bachelorette certification and master's degree programs. Preference is for admission to either the Early Childhood Education, English Education, Mathematics Education, Middle-Childhood, Reading Education, Science Education, Second Language Education, Social Studies Education and Music Education programs. Please see the School of Education website for the full list of degree programs.

**Do I have to be apply to UW-Milwaukee?**

Yes, you must be accepted to UW-Milwaukee as a student for the program of your choice. Meaning that you must be accepted to the School of Education for any bachelor's program or the Graduate School for any master's program. We encourage you to be aware of all deadlines for those applications.

**Do I have to be a full-time student?**

Yes, you must be a full-time student.

**Will my tuition be covered?**

In-state tuition and all related fees will be covered for each qualified student. Each student must be a degree candidate for a baccalaureate or graduate degree and carry a full course load.

**Do I have to be a UWM student to participate?**

You must be an enrolled UW-Milwaukee student to participate in the program.

**What is the time commitment to participate?**

You must be enrolled as a full-time student, often needing to take courses in the summer in addition to the academic year.

**I live outside of Wisconsin. Can I still participate in the EQI Teacher Training and Administrative Leadership program?**

As an out-of-state student, you can still apply for the program but you must meet all other criteria. The university will provide a waiver for Wisconsin residency.

**Do you provide a monthly stipend for living expenses?**

No. Each student will receive a stipend of \$2,000 per year; plus up to \$750.00 for books, and up to \$100.00 for testing related fees and eligibility for education related conferences.

**Do you provide housing assistance to participants?**

We do not provide housing assistance with the program but will refer students to housing programs on the UWM campus.

**Can I work while participating in the program?**

Yes you can.

**I received this funding in a previous cycle. Can I still apply?**

Alumni of previous grants are welcome to apply, but there are some limitations. The applicant must have completed the payback requirement from the previous grant and provide documentation of such; student cannot be in default of any student loans; and the student must qualify for all criteria in the current application.

**I applied before but did not get placed or matched. Can I apply again?**

Yes, a student can certainly reapply.

**What is the minimum cumulative grade point average to participate in this program?**

A student must maintain a minimum GPA of a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

**What does the US Department of Education mean by “Native American”? I am not enrolled; do I qualify for this program?**

Maybe. The DOE defines “Indian” as:

- (1) A member of an Indian tribe or band, as membership is defined by the Indian tribe or band, including any tribe or band terminated since 1940, and any tribe or band recognized by the State in which the tribe or band resides;
- (2) A descendant of a parent or grandparent who meets the requirements of paragraph (1) of this definition;
- (3) Considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose;
- (4) An Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native; or
- (5) A member of an organized Indian group that received a grant under the Indian Education Act of 1988 as it was in effect on October 19, 1994.

**What is the application, interview, and selection timeline?**

Applications are being accepted on a rolling basis until the all slots are filled. The EQI selection committee will begin reviewing applications in mid-November. Our goal is to have a first cohort begin in Spring 2018.

**Will I receive any indigenous pedagogy training?**

Yes, the focus of this grant program will be on global and local indigenous pedagogy topics.

**What happens after the program?**

EQI will assist each student in finding work in their related field upon graduation in their chosen degree program.