The American Indigenous Business Leaders (AIBL) organization is the only American Indian non-profit organization solely dedicated to empowering business students in the U.S. The mission of AIBL is to increase the representation of American Indians and Alaska Natives in business and entrepreneurial ventures through education and leadership development opportunities. Our programs are designed to engage students in activities that stimulate, enhance, and expand educational experiences beyond traditional academic methods.

AIBL’s programming is designed to empower the Indigenous spirit through business leadership in four specific areas: Education, Experience, Leadership, and Culture. Over the next three years we will be expanding into webinars, curriculum development, short online video training, and offering scholarships that will be exclusively available to our student base.
AIBL PROGRAMS

Leadership Development
AIBL’s National Business & Leadership Student Conference is designed to give Indigenous students and professionals access to relevant business information and expertise, offering a variety of activities geared specifically to enhance and expand educational experiences beyond what is taught through traditional academic methods. Students compete for prizes in Business Plans, Community Projects, and Elevator Pitch competitions. Our students participate in culturally appropriate financial literacy and business plan training to give them practical skills to become successful business leaders in our Native communities.

Scholarships
AIBL offers scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students through a fund managed by the Native Forward Scholars Fund. The AIBL Founder’s Scholarship was created to help our high school students continue their education after graduation.

Internships
Through sponsorships and a direct partnership with AIBL, corporations, businesses, and tribal enterprises hire our students for summer internships. With virtual and in-person options, our students get hands-on experience that furthers their professional and personal goals while adding value and diverse perspectives to these organizations and businesses.

Mentoring Program
The Mentoring Program provides training, mentoring, and networking opportunities—empowering Indigenous youth with business leadership skills and experience to lead economic endeavors within their communities. The program strengthens professional skill sets and personal resilience by incorporating a holistic and culturally responsive approach to business leadership.
WHY PARTNER WITH US?

You can support our Indigenous student community so they may pursue their professional dreams. Many Indigenous students do not have the resources and equitable opportunities to graduate college and transition into the workforce. Partners like you can help our students achieve their goals by contributing to their academic and professional success.

When you hire an AIBL student you will get a problem solver with a diverse background and unique skill set. AIBL students are leaders within their communities who show up every day determined to make a difference. When an AIBL Student joins your organization, you will be working with top Indigenous talent to support and expand your workforce in a diverse and meaningful way.

The greatest highlight would be when I traveled to New York City, visited the Sony headquarters, and met my team in person. The visit exceeded my expectations on every level as I was very fortunate to tour the studios and archives. I met Rob Stringer, Chief Executive Officer in person. It was incredible witnessing him take the time to listen and offer great words of wisdom to the SMG Impact Fellows.

Keona Leano | Sony Music Entertainment | Intern 2022
STUDENT INTERNSHIP PACKAGES

$10,000 | Virtual
Access to AIBL students to interview and hire one intern to work virtually.
Your sponsorship covers:
- Internet costs during the internship period
- $500 clothing stipend, laptop, and professional supplies for onboarding
- AIBL staff member supporting student through weekly check-ins
- Sponsorship highlight on the AIBL website and social platforms
- Allotted stage time and vendor space at our annual national conference
- sponsorship does not cover hourly wage for services -

$20,000 | In-person
Access to AIBL students to interview and hire one intern to work in your corporate office.
Your sponsorship covers:
- Student housing, travel, and internet costs during the internship period
- $500 clothing stipend, laptop, and professional supplies for onboarding
- AIBL staff member supporting student through weekly check-ins
- Sponsorship highlight on the AIBL website and social platforms
- Allotted stage time and vendor space at our annual national conference
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Tribal organizations that are unable to meet a sponsorship package in full are encouraged to reach out to us directly at info@aibl.org to speak with our team about a custom package.

fill out our sponsorship form at aibl.org/support-aibl