



HOOVER INSTITUTION INDIGENOUS STUDENT SEMINAR

August 3-7th, 2026

FAQ

1. What is the Hoover Institution Indigenous Student Seminar (ISS), and what is expected of students?

The ISS program is an intensive, four-day residential immersion program exploring federal policy, tribal governance, and indigenous entrepreneurship. Students are expected to collaborate through class discussions and study groups that encourage diverse perspectives.

2. How is the ISS different from other programs?

The Hoover Indigenous Student Seminar offers Indigenous college students and recent graduates the opportunity to engage and network with scholars and policy practitioners on economic and policy issues directly relevant to Indigenous communities.

3. Who is eligible to participate in this program?

Applicants eligible to participate in this program include current sophomores, juniors, or seniors who will have completed at least two years of a four-year undergraduate degree by summer 2026. Students enrolled in a three-year undergraduate program who will have completed at least two years by summer 2026 are also eligible. In addition, recent graduates from an undergraduate degree program and young professionals pursuing careers focused on Indigenous communities or Indigenous knowledge are encouraged to apply.

4. What will students gain from the program?

The goal of the program is to help Indigenous college students and recent graduates think critically about the interface between federal Indian policy and self-determination.

5. When is the application and the letter of recommendation deadline?

The application deadline is March 4, 2026. Please note your letter of recommendation must also be received by the March 4th deadline.

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6. How is the ISS program free for students?

Thanks to the generosity of Hoover's supporters, many of the costs are covered for accepted participants. Program fees, food, and lodging will be covered for participants accepted into the program. Travel expenses, parking, and other incidentals are not included.

7. Since tuition is free, will there be other expenses?

The tuition and accommodations (meals included) are covered by the Hoover Institution for those who are accepted into the program, whereas travel costs and incidentals are covered by participants.

8. Who are the faculty for this program?

You can view last year's faculty and speaker bios at [Hoover.org](https://www.hoover.org). As new faculty are confirmed for the upcoming year, we will add their bios and update the webpage there.

9. Whom can I contact with further questions?

If you have further questions that are not answered here, please send an email to indigenousecon@stanford.edu.

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