

Indigenous Leadership Academy (ILA) Presents:

Tribal Energy Leaders Fellowship

Spring 2026



EXAMPLE APPLICATION

Indigenous Leadership Academy-Tribal Energy Leaders Fellowship | Spring 2026

Welcome and thank you for your interest in the Indigenous Leadership Academy (ILA) - Tribal Energy Leaders Fellowship (TELF). We're honored by your commitment to strengthening leadership in Indian Country.

The ILA-TELF, a partnership between the American Indian Policy Institute (AIPI) at Arizona State University and the Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy, is a leadership development program grounded in Indigenous values and dedicated to advancing energy sovereignty.

Designed for emerging and existing Indigenous leaders across the energy landscape, this opportunity invites professionals from policy, education, renewables, community work, and resource management to explore the role of Indigenous knowledge in advancing sustainable change.

Please note: *This program is specifically intended for working professionals. At this time, we kindly ask that current students not apply.*

Applicants must:

- Commit to attending all 10 sessions (January 2026 – March 2026).
- Have a reliable internet connection for virtual sessions conducted via Zoom.
- Complete all required assignments and participation activities.
- Demonstrate an understanding of Tribal sovereignty and Tribal communities within the United States.
- Be 21 years of age or older.
- Have a strong interest in Indigenous leadership and Tribal energy development.
- Show a commitment to positively impacting an Indigenous community.
- Have a project idea that supports energy sovereignty, climate resilience, or sustainability in Indigenous communities.
- Be willing to collaborate, learn, and share knowledge with peers.
- Exhibit a can-do attitude and problem-solving mindset.
- Have a LinkedIn profile, or be willing to create one for networking with cohort members.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Bachelor's or Associate's degree, or at least a minimum of five years of professional experience in Tribal governance, environmental stewardship, or energy-related work.

Additional Information

For additional assistance or questions, please contact Kelcie Franklin, ILA Project Coordinator – kelcie.franklin@asu.edu

Application Deadline: Friday, December 5, 2025

Thank you again for your interest in this opportunity! Click "Next" below to begin your application.

Indigenous Leadership Academy-Tribal Energy Leaders Fellowship (ILA-TELF) Application

1. Contact Information

First Name:

Last Name:

Phone:

Email Address:

Address Line 1:

City:

State:

Zipcode:

2. Are you currently enrolled in a college or university?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Are you a resident of Arizona?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. If no, please specify your state of residence:

5. Please provide a link to your LinkedIn profile:

6. If you are affiliated with a tribe or Indigenous nation, please list your affiliation(s) below:

7. Highest Educational Degree Attained

☐ High School Diploma or GED

☐ Associate's Degree

☐ Bachelor's Degree

☐ Master's Degree

☐ Doctorate (Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

8. What type(s) of degree(s) have you attained? Please specify (e.g., BA in American Indian Studies, MA in Education):

9. What title best describes your current professional role? (Select the most appropriate option)

☐ Tribal Government Elected Official or Representative

☐ Tribal Government Staff (e.g., Energy Office, Natural Resources, Planning)

☐ Tribal Utility Elected Official or Representative

☐ Environmental or Natural Resource Manager

☐ Policy or Program Coordinator (Energy, Climate, or Sustainability)

☐ Community Organizer or Nonprofit Professional

☐ Educator or Researcher

☐ Private Sector Professional (e.g., Renewable Energy, Consulting, Engineering)

☐ Other (Please specify): _____

10. Please select the type of organization or entity you are currently employed with: (If "Other", please specify)

☐ Tribal Government or Enterprise

☐ Tribal Utility or Energy Authority

☐ Nonprofit or Community-based Organization

☐ Academic or Research Institution

☐ Private Sector / Industry

☐ Federal, State, or County Agency

☐ Other (Please specify): _____

11. Is your school or educational organization located on tribal lands?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
12. Have you previously participated in any leadership or professional development programs?
- ☐ Yes
☐ No
13. If yes, please list the programs you have participated in and describe their impact on your professional growth:
14. What are your primary goals for participating in the ILA-TELF leadership program? How do you anticipate this experience will contribute to your professional growth and impact on advancing sovereignty across the energy landscape? (200 words or less)
15. *ILA-TELF requires participants to complete an applied capstone tied to a live project or policy initiative, culminating in an in-person presentation. Your capstone should showcase an actionable energy deployment or policy project that accelerates near-term builds while laying the foundation for long-term energy sovereignty, resilience, and growth—ultimately advancing clean energy, self-determination, and sustainability for Native Nations.* What is one energy issue that you are passionate about and want to address through your capstone project?
- Please enter your project title below:
Describe your project below: (200 words or less):
16. What area does your project idea fit into? (Select the most appropriate category)
- ☐ Tribal Energy Governance & Policy
☐ Tribal Economic Development through Clean Energy
☐ Renewable Energy Development & Innovation
☐ Energy Sovereignty & Self-Determination
☐ Environmental Stewardship & Sustainability
☐ Partnerships & Collaboration (Tribal, Federal, Industry, or Academic)
☐ Community Energy Planning & Resilience
☐ Workforce Development & Education in Clean Energy
☐ Climate Action & Adaptation Strategies
☐ Infrastructure & Technology Solutions
☐ Other (please describe): _____
17. Please upload your résumé or curriculum vitae (CV) below:
18. How did you hear about this opportunity? (Please select all that apply.)
- ☐ AIPI Website
☐ Past ILA Cohort Member (Please provide name in next question, so we may thank them.)
☐ Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy Website
☐ Alliance for Tribal Clean Energy staff
☐ Alliance Social Media (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook)
☐ Alliance Tribal Energy Evolution Summit (or other Alliance event/webinar)
☐ Alliance Email
☐ Friend or Community Member
☐ AIPI Social Media (LinkedIn, Instagram, Facebook)
☐ AIPI Newsletter
☐ National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development
☐ National Congress of American Indians
☐ Arizona Public Service (APS)
☐ Tufts University

- ☐ ILA-TELF Postcard
- ☐ Other (please specify): _____

19. If a past ILA cohort member was chosen, please provide the name of that person:

20. If “Other” was selected, please explain how you heard about ILA-TELF:

21. Is there anything else you would like us to consider? Please explain.

22. You have reached the final step of the application. If you agree with the statement below, please check the box and click 'Next' to submit your application.

- ☐ I acknowledge that the information and documents provided in this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.