

PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

PARTICIPANT NAME: _____

Mailing Address (Include PO Box if applicable): _____

Phone: _____

Social Security Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

PARTICIPANT BENEFITS:

- Academic Terms Covered: Fall, Spring, Summer, 2016-2020
- College at which benefits may be utilized: University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- Costs Paid for Participant:
 - Tuition: Waived at UNL, Tuition at LPTC, NICC and other colleges is paid
 - Tuition Fees: Waived at UNL; Fees at LPTC, NICC and other colleges is paid
 - Application/Graduation Fees: UNL, LPTC, NICC and other colleges
 - Livetext/Enrollment Fees: UNL, LPTC, NICC, and other colleges
 - Licensing Fees: Nebraska Department of Education
 - Distance Education Fees: UNL
 - Testing or Exam Fees: Any testing or exam fees will be included – Praxis I, Praxis II, etc..
 - Text Books: for UNL, LPTC, NICC, etc. required courses only
 - (Note: Only the cost of textbooks required for classes in which the Participant is enrolled during the period indicated will be covered.)
 - Technology: laptop, laptop bag, mini IPAD, video recorder, video recorder bag.
 - Tutors: for test-taking purposes or to support student's coursework
- For each year in which the Participant enrolls, an invoice will be remitted by UNL's Indigenous ROOTS Teacher Education program to Participant noting the cost of tuition, fees and textbooks for each semester in which Participant is registered.
- The Program will not be responsible for any other Participant costs incurred (i.e., library fines, parking tickets, food, notebooks, general school supplies, novelty item, course drop fees, and any other costs not specifically listed above.)

STIPEND EXPENSES PAID TO/FOR PARTICIPANT: (OPTIONAL)

- A stipend of \$1300 per month beginning during the 2016/2017 academic term will be paid to/for this participant during the period of enrollment. This stipend is remitted every semester (fall, winter and summer) that this participant is enrolled as a full-time student.
- Monthly stipends are not available to participants who work more than 20 hours/week, or to participants who are enrolled/registered part-time in the Indigenous Roots program. Also stipends are not available for graduate students enrolled in the additional certification/graduate program.
- Stipends will be paid directly to: the training participant and distributed by Indigenous Roots Site Mentors located at each school site.
- Stipends will be paid: monthly, on the 15th of each month (approximately) for 12 months of each academic year, as long as the student is enrolled full-time.

PARTICIPANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Participants must show satisfactory academic progress and complete coursework in a timely fashion. UNL policies regarding satisfactory progress (ie. GPA and number of Incompletes) apply to participants as well. Please refer to the Academic Services Handbook found on UNL's Registration and Records website <http://www.unl.edu/regrec/rrhome.shtml>.
- Participants earning less than a 2.00 GPA in one semester will be put on academic probation. See the UNL Academic Services Handbook for how rules apply to probation and suspension.
- Participants who drop the program during the period covered by this agreement will be terminated as a project participant.
- The participant must enroll in a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester to remain a full-time student, and be eligible for the monthly stipend.
- Graduate participants enroll part-time, registering for 1-2 courses per semester (as courses are available), until the program of study is completed.

Participant Initials _____ Date: _____

Withdrawal from Program:

- Participants who voluntarily withdraw from their course of study will be terminated as a project participant, or designated "on leave" depending on the situation.
- Participants may be administratively withdrawn from the project due to poor academic performance, inadequate attendance, false financial claims, or disciplinary reasons.

PAYBACK AGREEMENT:

- Participants receiving training under this program are required to pay back, either through service or cash, an equivalent amount of time or cost of the training received. Payback is to begin within 6 months from the Participants' completion of a degree or withdrawal from the program, whichever occurs first. Participants must agree that information on the Participant's Payback Agreement and his/her training program may be provided to the Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, which is the cognizant agency responsible for ensuring completion of the payback requirements. The Participant must obtain approval from the Office of Indian Education for the type of service to be performed when a service payback is performed. Upon approval of a service payback, the Participant is required to provide a semi-annual certification, from his/her supervisor, of continuous employment. Failure to comply with the payback requirements may jeopardize the Participant's ability to obtain future federal student aid.

Service (Work-Related) Payback:

- Participants are required to perform a work-related service, related to the training received, that benefits Indian students.
- The payback will be continuous service equal to the total amount of time for which training is received.

- Service (Work-Related) Payback is not available to Participants who do not complete the degree requirements within the established timeframe, withdraw or are terminated from the program.

Cash Payback:

- A cash payback is required when the Participant –
 - Withdraws or is terminated as a Participant from the program;
 - Chooses not to complete a service payback upon degree completion; or
 - Is unable to complete the service payback started; in this case, a pro-rated cash payback will be based on the period of service payback completed.
- Participants are responsible for a cash payback (when no service payback has been performed) of the total cost of the training received during the time of this agreement. (See Participant Benefits section for covered costs).
- Cash paybacks will be based on a payment schedule approved by the Office of Indian Education.

Participant's Agreement

I, the undersigned Participant, do understand the benefits I will receive as a Participant of this project, as well as my responsibilities in accepting these benefits, as evidenced by my signature and initials on the preceding pages.

Participant's Signature

SSN

Date