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AWP Tribal Colleges & Universities Fellowship Program to Launch at #AWP25

Norfolk, VA — The Association of Writers & Writing Programs will launch the AWP Tribal Colleges & Universities Fellowship Program in Los Angeles, California, during the 2025 AWP Conference & Bookfair, to be held March 26–29, 2025. Funded in part by an NEA Grants for Arts Projects award, this new program seeks to uplift and provide space for Indigenous American writers within the AWP community and throughout tribal colleges and tribal lands. Fellowships will be offered to two faculty and four students.

We are honored to announce Jake Skeets as the inaugural creative advisor for the AWP Tribal Colleges & Universities Fellowship Program! Skeets is the author of Eyes Bottle Dark with a Mouthful of Flowers, winner of the National Poetry Series, American Book Award, Kate Tufts Discovery Award, and Whiting Award. His work has appeared widely in journals and magazines such as Poetry, the New York Times Magazine, and the Paris Review. Skeets is from the Navajo Nation and currently teaches at the University of Oklahoma.

In addition to helping select the two faculty fellows, Skeets will also lead multiple events, including a public lecture and private discussions with the faculty and student fellows on supporting creative writing endeavors at tribal colleges and universities, and within tribal communities as a whole.

Faculty and student applications are set to open on September 1, 2024 through AWP’s online submission portal. For additional questions or more information, please email awp@awpwriter.org. For press inquiries, email awpPR@awpwriter.org.

About AWP
AWP provides support, advocacy, resources, and community to writers, college and university creative writing programs, and writers’ conferences and centers. Our mission is to amplify the voices of writers and the academic programs and organizations that serve them while championing diversity and excellence in creative writing.