†The Center for American Indian Mental Health Research



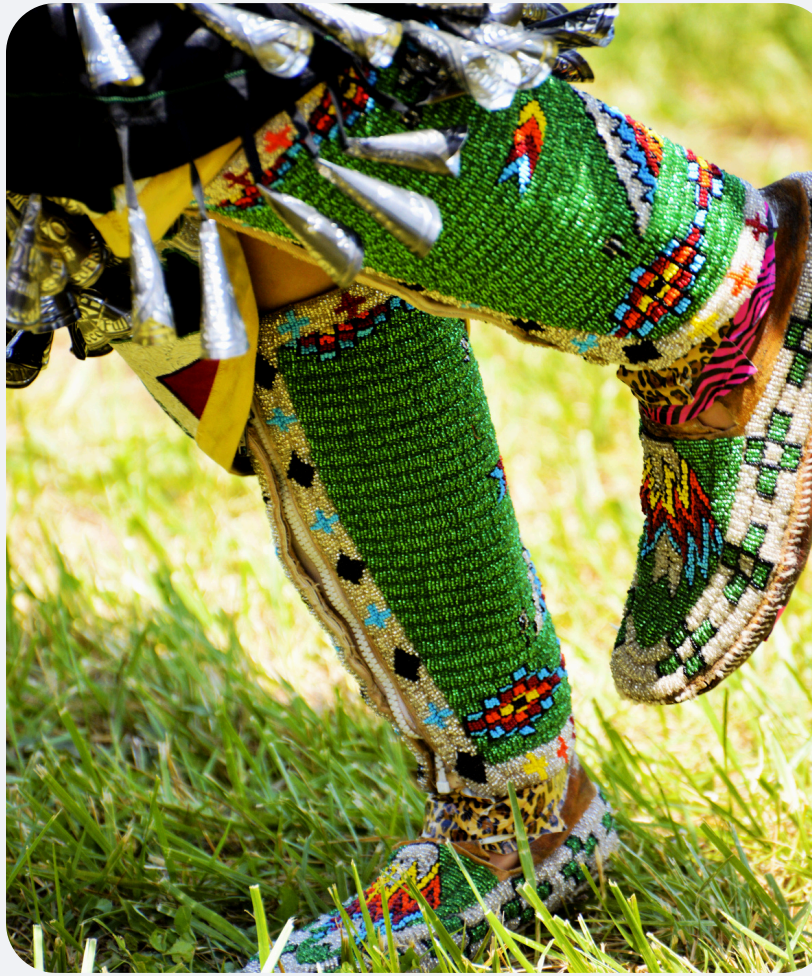
Building permanent capacity for sovereignty-aligned research that communities can use

A proposed endowed center at the Laureate Institute for Brain Research (LIBR)



Strong spirits make healthy minds

The legacy of removal, boarding schools, and cultural degradation have **disrupted cultural connections and well-being** for many American Indian peoples.







Community connection supports healing and restoration

Reducing suicide, substance use, mood, and anxiety disorders in American Indian communities through brain science requires **honoring cultural knowledge and tribal sovereignty.** This is accomplished through community defined priorities, tribal approvals, and data governance.

Novel combination of cultural wisdom and brain science



Dr. White is uniquely positioned to lead this work. He is active in traditional community as well as a **nationally recognized expert** in brain science of mental health.

Working at LIBR the last 6 years, Dr. White established the Neu-AIRR lab conducting science which **honors tribal sovereignty**. This work spans 5+ tribal partners, 10 trainees, and has competed for over $10 Million in research grants which **multiply the impact of philanthropic dollars**.



$14 Million endowment will create permanent annual capacity for tribal-partnered mental health research

Permanent support enables a center director, two faculty, research staff, community advisory board, data governance, two pilot projects, and a convening each year. Full budget and stewardship details are available in the case for support.









Build the Center: Founding Gift Opportunities

Founding Gift Tiers	Recognition Opportunities
01 Founding Partner* - **$5M+**	Named Director's Chair - sustains long-term, community-engaged leadership Named Annual Convening - supports dialogue on progress and priority setting
02 Leadership Circle* - **$2-4.9M**	Named Pilot-Project Fund - launches tribal-partnered studies quickly Named Annual Convening Keynote - elevates leading voices in the field
03 Builder Circle - **$1-1.9M**	Named Annual Convening Reception - fosters collaboration and community-building

All Founding gifts include participation in a Founders Council, invitations to the annual convening, and quarterly progress briefings with the director.

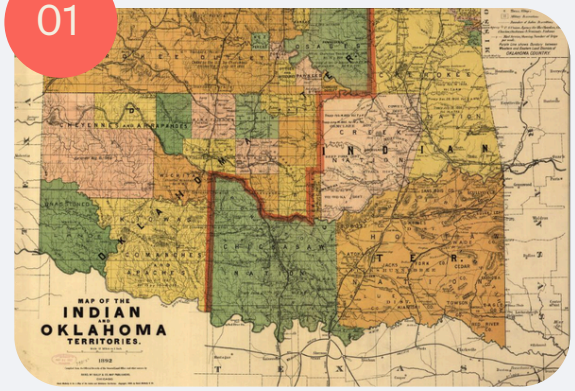
**Higher-level gifts may select an available recognition opportunity from a lower giving level, if preferred.*



What your gift makes possible

An endowed center turns permanent support into community-ready solutions through tribal-partnered research

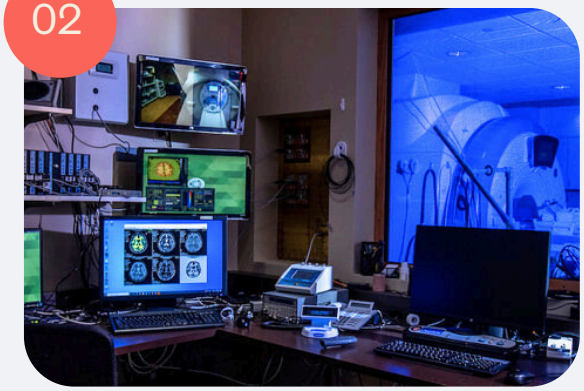
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Permanent, trust-based partnerships

- Sustains long-term relationships beyond short-term grant cycles
- Brings Tribal partners, researchers, clinicians, and supporters together annually to set priorities and monitor progress

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Sovereignty-aligned neuroscience

- Research shaped by Tribal priorities, approvals, and data governance
- Applies brain science in ways that honor cultural knowledge and Tribal sovereignty

03



Solutions communities can use

- Advances assessments, interventions, and implementation tools for real-world adoption
- Builds ethical, durable partnerships that attract future funding and scale impact



“When we bring cultural knowledge to the heart of science, we choose sovereignty over silence in modern neuroscience and mental health. This opens the door to knowledge that benefits *everyone*.”

- Dr. Evan J. White

Continue the conversation

Request the full case for support or schedule a meeting with Dr. White

†The name of the center is a preliminary place holder pending potential gifts that may include naming rights.

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