

Phase II

Upon solidifying the relationships with our staff and activists organizations, TSI will expand to operate as the world's first activist doctoral degree granting university. The initial student recruitment will be limited to three hundred of which one hundred will be reserved for international students. TSI will have suggested tuition but will not actually charge tuition. Furthermore, TSI will offer accommodations imbedded within the community at no charge.

Housing

TSI will purchase local homes capable of housing at least 4 students each. The students will then be responsible for running and maintaining the household including, cleaning, cooking, yard work, etc. This is designed to integrate life skills with academic skills and good neighbor/citizen practices.

Faculty

The thirty researchers will serve as the faculty with each being assigned a total of ten students to supervise and mentor. Faculty will also be offered housing imbedded in the community and in near proximity of student housing. The intention is to create a model of apprenticeship learning. Students and faculty will be anticipated to form personal and lifelong professional relationships. Learning will be a 24-7 process during both formal activities and informal life experience.

Learning

The formal component of learning will last four years and will end with the conferral of the formal doctoral degree. Learning will take place as an internship with students actively assisting the researchers and activist organizations with assignments and projects. In addition, students will be assigned readings and traditional academic assignments in order to fulfill their studies/requirements. Each researcher will devote the equivalent of 6 credit hours per week in formal instruction.

However, the bulk of learning and training will occur during the hands-on application of knowledge during the full-time day apprenticeship. To this extent, students will be expected to work as research assistants in charge of given tasks and assignments for a minimum of 25 hours per week but not to exceed 35 hours.

The research and goals of the University and the student apprenticeship program will be to transform society for equality and social justice.