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Robert Martin is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and received his Doctorate from the University of Kansas. On July 1, 2007, he began his tenure as President of the Institute of American Indian Arts. Prior to coming to IAIA, Dr. Martin was the Associate Head for the American Indian Studies program at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Martin has extensive experience in higher education both as a faculty member and as an administrator. He served as President of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, New Mexico for eight years before assuming the presidency at Haskell Indian Nations University. Under his guidance, Haskell made the transition from junior college to a university offering baccalaureate programs. Prior to returning to the University of Arizona, Dr. Martin served as the President of Tohono O'odham Community College. During his tenure, the College achieved accreditation by the Higher Learning Commission, North Central Association, and was designated as a 1994 Land Grant Institution by the United States Congress.

Dr. Martin served as a member of the Indian Nations at Risk Task Force and on the Advisory Board to the White House Conference on Indian Education. He also served on the Commission on Minorities in Higher Education for the American Council on Education. He is a graduate of the Department of Interior's Senior Executive Development Program, the John Heinz II School of Public Policy and Management, Carnegie-Mellon University, and the Center for Creative Leadership's Development Program.

Dr. Martin was awarded the Liberty Bell Award by the Douglas County (Kansas) Bar Association. The award is bestowed on Law Day USA to recognize individual contributions to human rights. He was also awarded an honorary doctorate from Baker University. In 2010 he received the American Indian College Fund's Tribal College President of the Year Award.