

UNM REGIONAL STUDIES SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE/VISITING PROFESSORSHIP AWARDS

Through its Scholar-in-Residence Program, the Center for Regional Studies (CRS) at the University of New Mexico seeks to award up to three short-term visiting positions a year. The posts will be offered to mid-career or senior scholars as well as international and independent scholars who are actively engaged in interdisciplinary research that fits the CRS mission and who can demonstrate that a period of residency at the University of New Mexico is vital to completing the next phase of their on-going research. The mission of the Center for Regional Studies is to promote the quest for knowledge about New Mexico and the Southwest through research, education, learning and related scholarly activities. In particular, CRS encourages inquiry that draws on evidentiary-based interpretation and analysis of historical and contemporary questions as well as of public policy issues in a regional context. We seek scholars whose research, teaching and publications address historical as well as emerging trends relating to the peoples, communities and cultures of the greater Southwest and whose work shows particular regard to one or more of the following areas of investigation:

- Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Social History of the Region
- Ethnographic Fieldwork and Community Documentation
- Biographies of Leaders/Community Histories or the History of Institutions
- Land Grants and Acequia History
- Environmental Studies
- UNM corpus of Indigenous or Southwest Spanish Texts and General Linguistic Collections
- Contemporary Public Policy Issues and Regional Problems
- Comparative Regionalism (North America, Americas, Québec, Spain, Asia and Europe)
- Film, Media, and Digital Humanities

Length of Appointment

These appointments will run concurrently with Semester I (fall semester) or Semester II (spring semester) and will include shorter summer appointments, with stipends typically covering the 16-week academic semester and 8-week summer residencies. Scholars will have the opportunity to present their research to faculty and students during their visit to UNM and to submit a brief report. CRS will make up to two full semester awards for up to \$15,000 and/or 1 to 2 short-term summer awards for up to \$8,000. Award recipients must cover travel, local transportation housing and incidental costs associated with residency in Albuquerque.

Selection Criteria

Candidates for the Scholar-in-Residence Program will be identified through a referral nomination process. The process begins by CRS receiving a nominating letter from a senior colleague or academic mentor in support of a nominee. The nominator should have sufficient knowledge of the candidate's research trajectory and teaching record to be able to make a strong recommendation that demonstrates how research in residency at the University of New Mexico is vital to the nominee's scholarly objectives. The nominator should delineate why the nominee will make optimal use of the residency by focusing on objectives with specific relevance to the UNM Library collections or field work sites and other resources in the vicinity that are integral to their nominee's research. The nomination letter should further 1) situate the candidate in his or her respective field and address the nominee's training, scholarship and career trajectory and 2) speak to how the nominee's work will contribute to the CRS mission. In addition to a nominating letter of (700 - 750 words), nominators are asked to submit a 1-2-page resúme with their letter. Self-nominations will not be considered.

Nominations

Nominations may be submitted at any time. However, for best consideration nominations should be submitted no later than four months prior to the proposed start of the residency [April 15 for summer and fall residencies; September 1 for a spring residency]. After vetting nominations, CRS will contact prospective candidates to complete an application and be interviewed. Depending on the quality of applications and the availability of resources, up to three fellowships will be awarded yearly.

Contact Information

Letters of nomination should addressed and mailed to:

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