The Center for Regional Studies at UNM announces a research competition for Faculty Development Awards during the 2019-2020 academic year. Applications must be project-based with a completed activity or deliverable by or before May 30, 2020. The Center for Regional Studies invites proposals that address historical as well as emerging trends relating to the peoples and cultures of the greater Southwest. Proposals from the humanities, arts, education and social sciences that support the mission of CRS and UNM are especially encouraged.

**CRS Mission**

The Center for Regional Studies (CRS) is a multidisciplinary outreach center designed to enhance the mission of the university through student fellowships, research, program funding, digital media and other projects with an emphasis on activities that increase our understanding of New Mexico, the Southwest and the U.S./Mexico borderlands and Iberia. Our mission is to discover, create, preserve, disseminate and promote a culture of broad inquiry throughout the UNM community. CRS encourages inquiry and debate over the interpretation and analysis of historical and contemporary questions in a regional context. Multidisciplinary studies that link people and make connections to outside institutions are especially encouraged. Preference will be accorded to collaborative projects that transcend the boundaries of mainstream disciplines and stimulate further inquiry by scholars in the field.

**Eligibility Criteria:** All faculty applicants must hold tenure-track or tenured full-time appointments in a UNM department or academic program. Faculty at the assistant and associate professor ranks are encouraged to apply. Proposals from full professors who partner with junior faculty as co-principal investigators will also be considered.

**Proposal Categories:**

CRS invites proposals that will facilitate professional development of UNM faculty in the following areas:

1. **Independent Projects (5K maximum):** Individual faculty members may submit a funding request to support a new or ongoing research topic based on a career trajectory plan. Projects must be evidence-based with preference for qualitative research in the humanities, social sciences, education and the arts. Project costs may include travel expenses to archives or field research outside of UNM, a course buy-out, approved by the faculty member’s unit, for the fall 2019 semester or spring 2020, or other direct costs essential to completion of the project activity or deliverable. The application must describe the intended project outcome or deliverable such as
a journal article, book chapter, or other creative work associated with the discipline. Salaries or other forms of faculty compensation are not available.

2. **Community Engagement Projects (8K maximum):** CRS invites applications for Community-Based Projects that link and engage UNM resources with the diverse cultures and regions of New Mexico, especially with the recovery and preservation of indigenous or local knowledge by way of oral histories, field schools, multi-media creative work, or acquisition of special collections. Project outcomes or deliverables must be described and completed by May 30, 2020. Collaborative projects that involve teams of faculty and students are especially encouraged. Funding is available for direct costs that are essential to the activity or deliverable. Salaries or other forms of compensation to faculty, students or community participants are not eligible.

3. **Interdisciplinary Research Clusters (IRCs) (7K maximum):** CRS funding is available to convene multidisciplinary faculty in research clusters for the development of proposals for submission to a designated external source conducting a research competition during the 2019-2020 academic year. IRC clusters must consist of a minimum of three co-principal investigators from three or more disciplines who share a common agenda and research interest. The IRC will designate a Convener to receive and administer the CRS funds from their department index. Eligible costs may include travel, meals, supplies and fees paid at a UNM facility or a retreat center off-campus. Normally, retreats are scheduled for a full day or into the next day to allow adequate time for input and drafting of a proposal that can be submitted to a federal government agency or a private foundation. A portion of the retreat can be dedicated to identifying potential sources of funding, cycles for submissions, posted deadlines and other requirements. Salaries or other forms of compensation are not available.

4. **Rio Abajo Working Group Project (3K maximum):** CRS invites applications for a multidisciplinary project involving a minimum of three disciplines with a focus on the people and cultures of the Río Abajo in southern New Mexico and the border region. Deliverables may include a research monograph for submission to an academic journal, a multimedia exhibition or other creative work for presentation at a cultural center or a conference venue, or other appropriate options determined by the Working Group. The Working Group will designate a Convener to receive and administer the CRS funds from their department index. Funding is available for direct costs of the project such as travel to the Río Abajo, supplies related to the project activities, or costs of exhibit materials. Salaries or other forms of faculty compensation are not available.

5. **Cultural Homeland Working Group Project (3K maximum):** CRS invites applications for multidisciplinary projects that focus on Indigeneity and Place in context of Southwestern Cultures such as the Four Corner Region, the Northern Rio Grande Pueblos, Northern New Mexico Acequia and Land Grant Communities, or other places that define a Cultural Homeland. Project applications must include co-principal investigators and team members from a minimum of three or more disciplines in the humanities, arts, education, and social sciences. The Working Group will designate a Convener to receive and administer the CRS funds from their department index. Eligible costs may include travel, supplies or other direct costs related to project activities or deliverables. Salaries or other forms of faculty compensation are not available.
6. **Publication Subventions (2K maximum):** Research dissemination projects to publish research results or other creative works in electronic or print media forthcoming in 2020 to include manuscripts submitted to and approved by the UNM Press.

**Proposal Format and Guidelines for Submission**

Proposals and attachments must be submitted in electronic format as a single PDF file (along with CVs as required) addressed to: crsunm@unm.edu. Application materials must include a Cover Sheet, Proposal Narrative, Statement of Relevance to the CRS mission, a Budget Request and Justification and other Attachments. The complete Application Packet is available for download at the CRS website: crsinfo.unm.edu.

**Guidelines for Budget Request and Justification**

1. Project duration and expenses should not exceed the academic year 2019-2020 from start-up to completion of any CRS funded activity, although supplemental or secondary funding from other sources may be utilized for multi-year projects.

2. In general, the Center for Regional Studies will not support operating costs or other expenses such as faculty or staff salaries, equipment purchases or rentals, indirect or administrative costs, or extra compensation to faculty or staff. In addition, CRS funding cannot be used in the production of student credit covered by the instructional budget of the university.

3. All CRS expenditures must be completed by the end of the spring 2020 semester in accordance with line items in the final approved budget. Line items and the amounts must be justified as essential to the project activities and deliverables. Balances cannot be reprogramed for any other purposes, and any unspent funds will revert to CRS. A Final Report of project outcomes, deliverables and project expenditures must be submitted to CRS by June 30, 2020.