

**CRS Call for Proposals  
Faculty Development Awards 2024-2025**

**Deadline: April 19, 2024  
Award Notifications on or before May 17, 2024**



The UNM Center for Regional Studies (CRS) announces Faculty Development Awards for the 2024-2025 academic year.

CRS is a multidisciplinary outreach center designed to enhance the mission of the university through student fellowships, faculty development awards, research, program funding, digital media, and other projects with an emphasis on activities that increase our understanding of and create new sources of knowledge about New Mexico, the Southwest, the U.S./Mexico borderlands, Indigenous communities, and the Americas through research, education, digital media, learning, and related scholarly activities.

CRS 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 are encouraged.

**Eligibility Criteria:** All UNM faculty from branch campuses, central campus, and the Health Sciences Center including full, associate, and assistant professor ranks are eligible to apply. Faculty applicants must hold tenure-stream or tenured full-time appointments in a UNM department or academic program.

**Proposal Categories:** CRS invites proposals that will facilitate the professional development of UNM faculty in the following areas. A completed activity or deliverable is due by June 1, 2025.

- 1. Education in New Mexico (5K maximum):** CRS encourages proposals that address causes, potential remedies, and other issues related to education in the state of New Mexico as well as proposals that specifically focus on the *Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico* education case in 2018 that ruled the state, the Public Education Department, and the Secretary of Education are failing to provide Native American students, students with disabilities, English language learners, and low-income students with an adequate and sufficient education.
- 2. Water, Acequias, Energy, Food (WEF) Project (5K maximum):** CRS welcomes proposals that focus on these critical areas and impacts in the Southwest region. We also encourage proposals that examine the integration/intersection of these areas and the impact on the environment.

3. **Mental Health in New Mexico (5K maximum):** We encourage proposals presenting research strategies on discovering possible ways to improve mental health in New Mexico.
4. **Independent Project (3K maximum):** Individual faculty members may submit a funding request to support a new or ongoing research project. Projects must be evidence-based with a preference for qualitative research in the humanities, social sciences, education, and the arts.
5. **Publication Subvention (3K maximum):** Research dissemination projects to publish research results or other creative works in electronic or print media forthcoming in 2024-2025 to include manuscripts submitted to and approved by the UNM Press.

#### **Proposal Format and Guidelines for Submission:**

- The complete Application Packet is available for download on our website's Home Page. [Center for Regional Studies - Announcements](#)
- Proposals must scope out the issue, develop research tasks and plan of work, and must include a description of the intended project outcome or deliverable.
- Application materials must include a Cover Sheet, Proposal Narrative, Statement of Relevance to the CRS mission, a Budget Request & Justification, CV, and other attachments.
- Proposals and attachments must be submitted in electronic format as a single PDF file (along with CVs as required) addressed to: [crsunm@unm.edu](mailto:crsunm@unm.edu).

#### **Guidelines for Application, Budget Request, & Justification**

1. Project duration and expenses should not exceed the academic year 2024-2025 from start-up to completion of any CRS-funded activity. However, 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. 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 2024 or spring 2025 semester, graduate student salary, or other direct costs essential to the 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.

4. All CRS expenditures must be completed by June 1, 2025, following 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 reprogrammed 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 July 31, 2025.
5. An evaluation committee will review and score each submitted proposal.