CRS Call for Proposals
Faculty Development Awards 2021-2022

Deadline: April 15, 2021

The UNM Center for Regional Studies (CRS) announces Faculty Development Awards for the 2021-2022 academic year. 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, the U.S./Mexico borderlands, Indigenous communities, and the Americas. CRS’s mission is to create new sources of knowledge about New Mexico, the Southwest and the Americas through research, education, digital media, learning, and related scholarly activities.

Application Process: 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 at branch campuses, the central campus, and Health Science 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 professional development of UNM faculty in the following areas. A completed activity or deliverable is due by June 1, 2022.

1. Covid-19 Pandemic Projects (10K maximum): Applicants may submit proposals that address the impacts of COVID-19 in our communities. The pandemic has brought to the forefront many long-standing hardships including rural healthcare crisis, the need for access to safe running water, education technology concerns, food deserts, and many other challenges. We encourage proposals that involve collaborative multidisciplinary teams with faculty and students, specifically proposals which address economic, social, health, educational, and governmental issues.

2. Independent Projects (5K maximum): Individual faculty members may submit a funding request to support a new or ongoing research project. Projects must be evidence-based with preference for qualitative research in the humanities, social sciences, education, and the arts.

3. Yazzie/Martinez Projects (10K maximum): The Yazzie/Martinez v. State of New Mexico education case in 2018 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. We encourage proposals that involve collaborative multidisciplinary teams with faculty and students, specifically proposals which address the remedies and issues related to education in the state of New Mexico.

4. Publication Subventions (3K maximum): Research dissemination projects to publish research results or other creative works in electronic or print media forthcoming in 2021-2022 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 at the CRS website: crsinfo.unm.edu
- 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.

Guidelines for Application, Budget Request, & Justification

1. Project duration and expenses should not exceed the academic year 2021-2022 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 June 1, 2022 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 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, 2022.

4. 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 2021 or spring 2022 semester, or other direct costs essential to the completion of a 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.