The Center for Regional Studies (CRS) at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque announces a Scholar Program for residents living in the state of New Mexico. We seek to award up to two short-term positions a year. The posts will be offered to community practitioners, early or mid-career scholars, or independent scholars who are actively engaged in interdisciplinary research/scholarship that fits the CRS mission and who can demonstrate that a period of residency at the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque is vital to completing the next phase of their on-going research, scholarship, and/or community work.

The mission of the Center for Regional Studies is to create new sources of 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, Twentieth, & Twentieth-first 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
- University of New Mexico Corpus of Indigenous or Southwest Spanish Texts and General Linguistic Collections
- Contemporary Public Policy Issues and/or Regional Challenges
- Film, Media, and Digital Humanities

**Length of Appointment**

These appointments will run concurrently with Semester I (fall semester) or Semester II (spring semester) or may include shorter summer appointments, with stipends typically covering the 16-week academic semester or 8-weeks for the summer residencies. Scholars will be required to present their research to faculty and students during their visit to UNM and to submit a brief report. Award recipients must cover travel, local transportation housing and incidental costs associated with residency in Albuquerque. Full semester awards will be up to $15,000 and short-term summer awards up to $8,000, depending on availability of funds.

**Selection Criteria**

Candidates for the New Mexico Scholar Program will be identified through a referral nomination process. The process begins by CRS receiving a nominating letter from a colleague or mentor in support of a nominee. The nominator should have sufficient knowledge of the person’s research trajectory, scholarship, or community work to be able to make a strong recommendation that demonstrates how residency at the University of New Mexico is vital to the nominee’s 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, scholarship, or community work. The nomination letter should further 1) situate the candidate in his or her respective field and address the nominee’s training, scholarship, or community work 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 CV or resume with their letter.

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 30 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 two fellowships will be awarded yearly.

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