

**CRS Call for Proposals
Faculty Development Awards 2026-2027**

**Deadline: May 1, 2026
Award Notifications on or before May 29, 2026**



The UNM Center for Regional Studies (CRS) announces Faculty Development Awards for the 2026-2027 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. CRS welcomes Social Science, Humanities, Art, Environment, or Education project proposals focusing on New Mexico or the Southwest region. The request can be to support a new or ongoing research project. We also encourage proposals that examine the intersection or interdisciplinarity of these areas and their impacts on New Mexico or the Southwest region. The maximum proposal request for Faculty Development Awards is \$7,000. A completed report on activities or deliverables is due June 1, 2027. Awardees must submit the report in order to receive future funding from CRS.

Eligibility Criteria: All UNM active faculty from branch campuses, Main Campus, the School of Law, 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 college, school, academic department, or academic program.

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](#)
- Successful proposals will scope out the issue, develop research tasks and plan of work, and will include a description of the intended project outcome or deliverable.
- Required application materials include a Cover Sheet, Proposal Narrative, Statement of Relevance to the CRS mission, a Budget Request and Justification, CV, and other attachments.
- Submit proposals and attachments in electronic format as a single PDF file (along with CVs as required) addressed to: crsunm@unm.edu.

Guidelines for Application, Budget Request, and Justification

1. Project duration and expenses should not exceed the academic year 2026-2027 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. Please apply for books subventions through [CRS Special Projects](#).
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 2026 or spring 2027 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, 2027, reflecting 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, 2027.
5. An evaluation committee will review and score each submitted proposal.