



**CALL FOR PROPOSALS  
UNM GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS  
2026-2027**

**Deadline for Applications: April 24, 2026**

**Award Notifications on or before May 22, 2026**

The Center for Regional Studies (CRS) is currently accepting applications for Project Fellowships during the 2026-2027 academic year. Award recipients in master's programs will receive \$5,000 and doctoral fellows will receive \$6,000 for the academic year. CRS extends Fellowships to project-based research that is conducted under the mentorship of an active UNM faculty member who holds a tenured or tenure-stream appointment in the academic department or academic program that pertains to the student's degree program.

Topics and themes of research are open with preference for projects that support degree completion and the student's graduation timetable. Examples of projects include, but are not limited to, theses or dissertations that are in progress or will commence during the period of the CRS fellowship, as well as research reports, exhibits, creative works, or projects of excellence. Priority will be given to topics in the humanities, social sciences, education, the arts, and the environment. A successful application will delineate starting and ending dates, including benchmarks, and will describe a final deliverable. Applications will be evaluated based on how they align with the mission of the Center for Regional Studies.

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. The maximum allowable number of CRS fellowships is two; one per award cycle.
2. Applicants need to be attending the University of New Mexico in-state. CRS will host a Meet & Greet during the fall semester, a Snapshot Presentation event in the spring semester, and may host other networking events for its fellows to attend.
3. Masters' students must have already completed a minimum of six credit hours in graduate standing prior to the start of the spring 2026 semester with a GPA of 3.00 or higher. A current transcript must include proof of enrollment for the spring 2026 semester.
4. Doctoral students must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in doctoral coursework prior to the start of the spring 2026 semester with a GPA of 3.00 and exhibit progress in reaching advanced standing in the 2025-2026 academic year. A current transcript must include proof of enrollment for the spring 2026 semester.

Final decisions about the awards are contingent upon the availability of state-appropriated funds for the CRS budget. Lastly, students must be enrolled in a minimum of six graduate-level credit hours during the period of the award.

### **Application Packet**

Students must submit a CRS Project Fellowship Application Packet that includes a cover sheet, an applicant statement, a project abstract, a resume, and a current unofficial transcript that includes course enrollment for spring 2026. Templates for these documents are included in the Application Packet and are available at the CRS website: [crsinfo.unm.edu](http://crsinfo.unm.edu). The Application Packet should be submitted as a single PDF file addressed to: [crsunm@unm.edu](mailto:crsunm@unm.edu). An evaluation committee will review and score each submitted proposal.

### **Supporting Letters**

In addition, two letters of recommendation, one from a faculty mentor and another from a faculty member who is familiar with the student's work, should be requested by the student. These supporting letters are not part of the application packet and must be submitted by the faculty recommender directly to the Center for Regional Studies by April 24, 2026, to [crsunm@unm.edu](mailto:crsunm@unm.edu).

### **CRS Mission Statement**

The mission of CRS is to promote the discovery, creation, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge about New Mexico and the Southwest Region. CRS encourages inquiry and debate over the interpretation and analysis of historical and contemporary questions and public policy issues in a regional context. To create and develop knowledge, CRS also supports the gathering, preservation, and accessibility of archival materials about New Mexico and other comparative regions in the Americas and Iberia.