The Center for Regional Studies (CRS) is currently accepting applications for Project Fellowships during the 2021-2022 academic year. Students in masters’ programs will receive awards at $8,000 per semester; doctoral students will receive awards at $9,000 per semester. The awards will cover the academic year for both fall and spring semesters. Fellowships must be project-based research and conducted under the mentorship of a UNM faculty member who holds a tenured or tenure-stream appointment in the department 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. Priority will be given to topics in the humanities, social sciences, education, and the arts. 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 award, as well as research reports, exhibits, or creative works. The project must be defined in terms of start and ending dates to include benchmarks and a final deliverable. All applications must address how the results coincide with or support the mission of the Center for Regional Studies.

**Eligibility Criteria**

1. Masters’ students must already have completed a minimum of six credit hours in graduate standing prior to the start of the spring 2021 semester with a GPA of 3.00 or higher. A current transcript must include proof of enrollment during the spring 2021 semester.
2. Doctoral students must have completed a minimum of six credit hours in doctoral coursework prior to the start of the spring 2021 semester with a GPA of 3.00 and exhibit progress in reaching advanced standing in the 2021-2022 academic year. A current transcript must include proof of enrollment during the spring 2021 semester.

All fellowships will be administered by the Center for Regional Studies, and CRS will arrange for awards to be made to the student at the start of each semester. All CRS fellowship awards will be subject to UNM policies regarding COVID-19 as they affect students and faculty engaged in research. In addition, final decisions about the awards are contingent upon the availability of funds in the CRS budget as impacted by COVID-19 financial restrictions. Students must enroll in a minimum of six graduate level credit hours during the period of award.
**Application Packet**

Students must submit a CRS Project Fellowship Application Packet that includes a Cover Sheet, an Applicant Statement & Project Abstract, a Resume, and a Current Transcript that includes course enrollment for spring 2021. Templates for these documents are included in the Application Packet and are available at the CRS website: crsinfo.unm.edu. The Application Packet should be submitted in a single PDF file addressed to: crsunm@unm.edu.

**Supporting Letter**

In addition, a letter of endorsement from the faculty mentor should be requested by the student. This letter is *not* part of the application packet and must be submitted by the faculty mentor directly to the Center for Regional Studies: 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.