

FRESSH Program (Fostering Research Expansion in the Social Sciences and Humanities)

Pilot Implementation

Pilot Program Overview

The FRESSH Pilot Program establishes a cohort of Social Science and Humanities faculty, predominantly from A&S, to develop research concepts and proposals suitable for federal agencies and foundations, e.g., NSF Directorate on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE) program and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). FRESSH will focus on awareness and utilization of internal resources, targeted training for opportunity scoping, concept and proposal development, and building community around Social Sciences and Humanities research.

To express interest in participating please complete a quick survey in InfoReady:

<https://unm.infoready4.com/#competitionDetail/1857518>

Program Expectations:

- Each participant will submit a research proposal for funding consideration in 2022-2023
- Faculty will develop the skills needed to effectively prepare research proposals and respond to critiques of their work
- Important cross-department and cross-campus connections will be built by developing cohorts of faculty participating in the program
- The program will increase participation in extramurally funded research programs and will help create a culture of collaboration and cooperation in pursuing research funding
- UNM will build expertise in understanding programs of support for Social Sciences and Humanities and will diversify its portfolio of funding

Eligibility:

- All participants must demonstrate support from their Department Chair in the final application
- Competitive applications will demonstrate commitment to pilot expectations (including active peer review and milestone achievement), a research vision, and interest in external funding. Selection is not based on perceived merit of proposed research ideas.
- No restrictions on faculty rank
- No experience with targeted extramural research funding agencies required

Key Activities:

- **Monthly 3-hour hands-on workshops** and seminars as a full cohort (some portions open to wider UNM faculty)
- **Weekly hands-on small group and mentoring sessions** focused on the development of extramural funding proposals, including concept development, proposal development training, peer writing support and review, mentoring from successful researchers, and opportunities for collaboration
- Engagement with agency (e.g., NSF and NEH) program officers to understand agency-specific expectations and needs
- If submitted proposal is awarded, participants may be asked to serve as a mentor for future program cohorts

Tentative Timeline

Dec 17, 2021	*Due date: InfoReady Statement of Interest
Jan 13, 2022 3:30 – 4:15 pm Jan 19, 2022 2:00 – 2:45 pm	Information Sessions: Jan 13 Registration: https://bit.ly/3ls8row Jan 19 Registration: https://bit.ly/3ohm4bG
Jan 18 – Feb 4, 2022	Pilot Program Application Period
Mid-Feb 2022	Pilot Cohort Selected
Late Feb 2022	Pilot Program Kick-off
Feb – Nov 2022	Pilot Program Duration
Oct 2022 – Oct 2023	Expected Extramural Funding Proposal Submissions

*Statement of Interest is for planning purposes. Anyone potentially interested is encouraged to submit a statement to that we can provide a more robust and relevant program.

Please address any questions to the Faculty Research Development Office (frdo@unm.edu).