

THE ISSUE: Lingering barriers to scholarship

The majority of faculty surveyed for our COVID-19 pandemic impact report said their scholarship was negatively affected in some way. The negative effects endured for many in Spring 2022.

96%

said networking opportunities declined

85%

said publishers were taking more time to review submissions

90%

said fostering new research collaborations was hampered

80%

said the number of manuscripts they submitted for publication declined



Notable findings in the survey:

Underrepresented minority faculty reported greater scholarship impediments than non-URM faculty.



Resources and support available:

- WeR1 Faculty Success and the Provost's Professional Travel Support
- Subvention and travel support through Arts & Sciences
- Internal funding for scholarship support through the UNM Research Allocations Committee, Advance Women in STEM support program, and Latin American and Iberian Institute programs.
- Faculty Research Development Office and Research Grand Challenges to help find new collaborators



Based on the findings, Advance at UNM recommends:

- Expanding resources to support scholarly productivity.
- Enhancing formal and informal mentoring opportunities; developing mentor training programs.
- Modifying faculty evaluations to account for the on-going impact of COVID-19.