



## **Program Overview**

The 2024–25 Fostering Research Expansion in Social Sciences and Humanities (FRESH) Program establishes one cohort with two tracks: one focused on the Social Sciences and one focused on the Arts and Humanities. In-person sessions will take place approximately monthly on Friday mornings throughout the academic year and will last 90 minutes. At least one additional virtual enrichment session will take place monthly on a different Friday. The cohort will develop research concepts and proposals suitable for funding opportunities from federal agencies or major foundations. The FRESH program will focus on awareness and utilization of internal resources, targeted training for opportunity scoping, concept and proposal development, and building community around Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts research. There will be a kickoff event in early Fall 2024 for selected participants.

## **Participant Objectives**

Participants will:

- Gain a better understanding of how extramurally funded efforts can contribute to their larger research goals;
- Gain a better understanding of the extramural funding landscape in relation to their fields;
- Develop the skills needed to effectively prepare research proposals and manage projects;
- Provide and respond to critiques of their work;
- Build important cross-department and cross-campus connections.

## **Campus Objectives**

The program will:

- Increase participation in extramurally funded research programs;
- Strengthen the UNM culture of collaboration and cooperation in pursuing research funding;
- Expand the number of funded students in social sciences and humanities;
- Build institutional expertise in understanding programs of support for Social Sciences, Humanities, and Arts;

- Diversify UNM's portfolio of funding.

### **Participant Expectations**

- Attend scheduled workshops and activities. There will be some meetings on zoom and some in-person.
- Complete all structured assignments throughout the program such as drafting concept papers, attending meetings with agency program officers, providing feedback on peers' proposals, meeting intermediate proposal development milestones, and submitting a partial draft of the proposal prior to the agency due date for peer and external review.
- Participate constructively in group discussions and activities.
- Adhere to UNM's research administration systems and guidelines.
- Learn about and utilize UNM's research support systems and resources.
- Submit a research proposal to an approved federal or major foundation program for consideration in 2024–early 2026 (within 18 months of the start of the FRESSH cohort program).
- Complete program evaluation activities and provide feedback for future program improvements.
- Participants may be asked to serve as a mentor for future program cohorts.

\* Failure to meet expectations will impact participants' compensation.

### **Eligibility and Restrictions**

- Any PI-eligible UNM faculty or staff member (including postdoctoral fellows with supervisor approval) who plans to lead/submit an extramural funding proposal in 2024–early 2026.
- No restrictions based on faculty rank.
- No experience with targeted extramural research funding agencies required.
- Although teams and partners on grant applications are anticipated (and we hope you will meet colleagues within the program with whom you will collaborate in the future), this program focuses on those individuals who will serve as a lead for the workshoped proposal.

Please email [frdo@unm.edu](mailto:frdo@unm.edu) prior to application if you wish to participate as a partnership.

\* All participants must demonstrate support from their Department Chair and acknowledgement from their Associate Dean for Research (if applicable).

### **How to Apply**

- Applications will be submitted through UNM's InfoReady Review portal: <https://unm.infoready4.com>.
- Applications are due **May 29, 2024**. We recommend that you start your application early; you can save a draft to complete later.

- A virtual information session about the FRESSH program and application process will be held on **Friday, May 3 at 10am MT**: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/91381980941>.
- Competitive applications will demonstrate commitment to meeting program expectations, a research vision, and interest in external funding; selection is not based on the perceived merit of the proposed research ideas.

### **Incentive Structure**

Because participants will be taking significant time and effort to develop their research and grantsmanship skills, each will receive \$3,000 of research funding in their PI account contingent on program attendance, participation, and the submission of an approved federal or major foundation grant proposal. This funding is generously provided by the Office of the Vice President for Research, as well as the A&S and COEHS research offices. It will be distributed in two rounds: \$1,000 upon the completion of the training program and \$2,000 upon the submission of a grant proposal. If participants do not meet the expectations listed below, they may not receive full funding.

To receive the first \$1,000, participants are expected to:

1. Attend at least 80% of the workshops and formal program activities for your track.
2. Complete all structured assignments throughout the program such as drafting pre-proposals, attending meetings with agency program officers, meeting intermediate proposal development milestones, and participating in peer-review exercises.
3. Participate constructively in discussions and activities.

To receive the additional \$2,000, participants are expected to:

1. Meet all requirements for program completion, above.
2. Submit an approved extramural funding proposal through UNM within 18 months of the start of the FRESSH 2024–25 cohort or as close to that timeframe as possible in relation to the grant deadline.
3. Complete program evaluation activities and provide feedback for future program improvements.
4. Share a draft of the proposal at least 6-weeks prior to agency due date for peer/external review.

\*Please be sure to communicate with program organizers ([htorres8@unm.edu](mailto:htorres8@unm.edu) or [hyohalem@unm.edu](mailto:hyohalem@unm.edu)) about any extenuating circumstances that may affect your ability to attend and participate during the year.

### **Tentative Timeline**

- April 20-May 29, 2024 - Application Period
- May 3, 2024 - Zoom Info Session 10-11am MT: <https://unm.zoom.us/j/91381980941>
- Week of May 29, 2024 - Cohort Selected
- Early Fall 2024 - Program Kickoff

- Sept 1, 2024–April 31, 2025 - Program Duration
- March 2026 - Expected Latest Extramural Funding Proposal Submissions