

Women in STEM Q&A
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I'm an Associate Professor and hope to launch a collaboration with a woman who is a full professor in another department at UNM. Would we qualify to apply for the two investigator award or would I apply as a single investigator?

For the collaborative proposals, priority will be given to collaborations between two assistant or associate women STEM faculty. You may slightly improve your odds by applying for a single PI award (with a full prof collaborator), although you are welcome to apply with a full prof for a collaborative award.

Are research faculty eligible to apply?

Research faculty are not eligible to apply this year.

Can assistant and associate professors in the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences apply for the grants? Our department is part of the College of Arts and Sciences.

As long as proposals are for basic research (not clinical work), they are eligible for this program.

Must an IRB protocol be submitted simultaneously with a proposal (for the case where human subjects would be involved)?

You do not need to have the IRB protocol ready to submit when you submit the proposal. We'll require you to have IRB approval before we release any funds.

Does the proposal need to go through Cayuse or any other University routing system?

No, the proposal does not need to go through Cayuse; these funds are internal to UNM. You can use the budget template on the OSP website, if you like. No indirect costs are included in this budget. The completed proposal (with department signatures) is then emailed to frdo@unm.edu.

Do education research projects in STEM qualify for funding?

Yes. As long as the project is educational research that would fall within the scope of the agencies listed in the solicitation and is not educational programming, it will qualify.

If a PI has an idea for a travel grant and another idea for a seed award, could she submit both or would she have to do one in this call and one for the next call for proposals?

A PI can only submit one application per cycle, not one of each type.

My primary appointment is in the UNM Dept. of Orthopaedics but I have a joint appointment in Mechanical Engineering—am I eligible to apply?

Yes, you are eligible for this program as long as you are proposing basic research and not clinical work. If at all possible, your proposal should link to your SOE ties.

Are cited references included in the 5 pages limit?

No, references do not count in the 5 page limit.

I know there is a 5-page limit for the proposal. In addition, there are specific directions on the length of the various sections. Are those strict, or can the space be differently redistributed among the sections, as long as one stays within 5 pages?

You should follow the guidelines and not reallocate space within the page limits.

Can I have a co-Investigator that is a man?

You can collaborate with a man, but the solicitation limit of \$10,000 for a single woman PI would apply. The \$15,000 seed awards are to support two women STEM faculty.

Can someone apply for funding to do special methods training, which they need to pursue a research project?

Yes, as long as the PI relates it to her research in a compelling fashion and it is training for her, not for a grad student or post doc with whom she works.

If applying for a travel award, can this award be split between the faculty member and graduate students?

The travel awards are "used to reimburse actual travel expenses incurred by the UNM faculty or her collaborator...". They are not meant to support travel for graduate students.

I would like to apply for the Research Seed Award and I am also applying for RAC for the same project. Should I not overlap the requests for the same items in RAC and WIS?

Since it is not appropriate to get funding from two sources for the same items, the two requests should not overlap, but may be split to cover different elements of the same project that could be carried out independent of each other. As of 2018, we moved the proposal due date so that you should know the outcome of your RAC proposal before submitting a WIS proposal.

Is existing funding, or lack thereof, a review criterion?

No, but if the PI has other funding, she should explain clearly why that funding cannot be used for the proposed project.

My collaborator has an appointment in a clinical area in the HSC. Can she be my Co-PI on a two-investigator award?

The proposed project must be research, not clinical work. The proposal must make it clear how she will contribute to the research.

Will we get written reviews of our proposal?

A brief summary of the reviewers' feedback is provided in the letter notifying proposers of the outcome of their application.