

UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting pre-proposals for the **2027 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program** limited competition. The Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program provides philanthropic support to extraordinary scholars and writers for high-caliber research in the humanities and social sciences. For the next three years, beginning with the 2027 cohort, the Corporation is broadening the focus beyond domestic perspectives to explicitly ask what the U.S. can learn from the experience of polarization in other countries. This opportunity seeks proposals that address the relationship between populism and polarization, how other democracies have resisted or reversed polarization, and the conditions that determine whether polarization dissipates or accelerates into systemic violence. These conditions may include but are not limited to civic culture, social cohesion, access to information and a healthy information environment, economic opportunity, trust in and the effective functioning of public institutions, and the rule of law.

Sponsor: Carnegie Corporation of New York

Opportunity Title: 2027 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program

Sponsor Due Date: 11/13/2026; 3:00PM MT

Award: \$200,000

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: 2 nominations – one junior and one senior scholar

Additional Information:

- Open only to citizens or permanent residents of the United States
- Candidates must have a Ph.D., hold a terminal degree, or be a high-level professional working outside of academia
- UNM is a designated institution for the Carnegie Fellows Program. All candidates must be selected through UNM's internal review process; formal nominations will then be endorsed by the University President
- A senior scholar is defined as any holder of a tenured post and a junior scholar as any holder of an untenured post (this includes tenure-track)
- 2027 begins a new three-year fellowship cycle. Individuals who were candidates in 2026 or any previous year are eligible to be nominated again one time during the 2027-2029 cycle
- Fellowship must begin between June and September 2027, with no deferrals allowed. Duration can be 12 or 24 months
- No indirect/overhead costs will be allowed or paid to the university. Fellows shall receive the entire grant for support of the research project

Solicitation: [2027 Andrew Carnegie Fellows Program Information](#)

Limited Comp. Instructions: We will be conducting a two-step internal competition to ensure we have a review committee in place by the pre-proposal deadline. You must complete both steps if you are interested in participating.

Limited Comp. STEP 1: Required SOI Due Date: **NOON on September 14, 2026** (for planning purposes)

Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on September 21, 2026**

STEP ONE: Please submit your ~100-word **statement of interest** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Note that SOIs will NOT be scored; we require them to assist us in forming a review committee.

STEP TWO: Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal, abbreviated budget, CV, and a signed letter of support from your Department Chair/ADR via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). You will receive an email when the InfoReady competition has been converted from the SOI application to the pre-proposal application, but you may work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

The 3-page pre-proposal narrative should describe the **proposed research**, including how it aligns with the funder's interest in exploring the many ways political polarization in the United States and abroad manifests itself in society and suggesting ways that it may be mitigated. Studies of polarization in other countries should offer lessons that can be applied to the United States. The narrative must also include a **project overview, brief description of the applicant's accomplishments, and a projected work plan**. Specify if you are planning a **12-month or a 24-month fellowship and the time you will allot to working on the project** (for example: do you intend to go on sabbatical for the entire fellowship or a portion of it? Will you teach classes part-time and/or work on the project over the summer?) The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft estimate budget, signed letter of support from your Department Chair/ADR, and a PI CV**.

Nominations will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Originality and promise of the idea
- Quality of the proposal
- Promise to offer solutions to harmful polarization or to enhance social cohesion
- Record of the nominee
- Plans to communicate findings to a broad audience

Applicant selections will be published on the [UNM Limited Competitions website](#). Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at [HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu](#) for more information.