

UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest and pre-proposals for the **NIH Modern Equipment for Shared-use Biomedical Research Facilities: Advancing Research-Related Operations (S15 Clinical Trial Not Allowed) (PAR-24-259)** limited competition. This funding opportunity is for funding support to purchase latest scientific equipment that will enhance and modernize research-supporting operations of existing shared biomedical research facilities. Targeted are laboratory research core facilities, animal research facilities, and other similar shared-use research spaces. The goal of this NOFO is to strengthen research-auxiliary activities of biomedical research facilities and to enhance the efficiency of their operations.

Sponsor: NIH

Opportunity Title: Modern Equipment for Shared-use Biomedical Research Facilities: Advancing Research-Related Operations

Opportunity Number: PAR-24-259

Sponsor Due Date(s): 09/25/2026

Award Range: \$50,000 to \$350,000

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: One (1) as lead institution

Solicitation: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-24-259.html>

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 May 19, 2026** (for planning purposes)

Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on June 2, 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, and CVs for key personnel 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 pre-proposal should address the following which will be used as the review criteria:

1. **Justification of need:** Explain how the project addresses an important modernization of research operation or support. How will successful completion of the project enable advancement in research operations of the facility or improve its efficiencies? Do the requested equipment and accessories adequately justify for the needs of the specific projects? How will the project benefit the shared-use facility, NIH-funded biomedical research, and/or the larger biomedical research enterprise at the applicant institution? How will the project modernize, optimize, or add new capabilities to the operations of the facility?
2. **Technical Expertise:** Does the institution have the technical expertise to make effective use of the requested equipment? Does the PD/PI have scientific or technical expertise in research fields supported by the facility?

3. **Operational Innovations and Benefits:** Does the equipment or project revolutionize or enable operational breakthrough of the shared facility? Does the project offer innovative technical solutions/technologies unafforded by current technologies within the facility?
4. **Administration:** Does the institution have the necessary resources to accommodate the instrument? How well will the available utilities and existing infrastructure support the requested equipment?
5. **Institutional Commitment:** Are the plans for the management and maintenance of the requested equipment appropriate?

Please note, as per the solicitation: An individual application requesting more than one type of equipment (for example, a biosafety hood and a freezer) is not responsive to this NOFO and will not be reviewed.

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.