

## **UNM JOINT HSC+Main Limited Competition Announcement**

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest and pre-proposals for the **Beckman Scholars Program** limited competition. The purpose of the Beckman Scholars Program is to help stimulate, encourage, and support research activities by talented, full-time undergraduate students who are pursuing their studies at accredited four-year colleges and universities located in the United States of America. These research activities shall be centered in either chemistry, biochemistry, the biological and medical sciences, or some interdisciplinary combination of these subjects.

**Sponsor:** Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation

**Opportunity Title:** Beckman Scholars Program

**Sponsor Due Date(s):** 6/15/2026

**Award:** \$156,000

**Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM:** One (1)

**Solicitation:** <https://www.beckman-foundation.org/programs/beckman-scholars/>

**Limited Comp. Instructions:** We will be conducting a three-step internal competition. You must complete all steps if you are interested in participating. *This sponsor considers Main Campus and HSC a single institution. The same submission process will be used for applications from Main Campus and HSC.*

**Limited Comp. STEP 1: Required SOI Due Date:** **NOON on March 5, 2026** (for planning purposes)

**Limited Comp. STEP 2: Required attendance of Zoom meeting:** **TBD between March 9 – 24, 2026**

**Limited Comp. STEP 3: Pre-proposal Due Date:** **NOON on March 31, 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 determining the attendance list for STEP 2.

**STEP TWO:** Those who submitted an SOI are required to attend a zoom meeting (to be scheduled sometime between 3/9 - 3/24) for a discussion to explore the possibility of a single collaborative submission. If the applicants agree to a collaborative submission, STEP 3 will be cancelled.

**STEP THREE:** *Contingent upon the conversation during STEP 2. If a single collaborative submission is not feasible, then the full competition will proceed.* 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 major topics that will be included in the proposal narrative, including:

1. **Scholar Recruitment, Selection, and Enrichment:** Describe the efforts that UNM has made or is making that will enable you to select potential Scholars who have taken a variety of pathways to STEM higher education, who might have lacked access to early education in STEM, and/or who may not have had STEM role models who reflected their own experiences.
2. **Mentor Recruitment, Selection, and Training:** How will you ensure that you recruit the broadest possible mentor pool for inclusion in your application? Once selected, how will these faculty be supported and trained so that students from all walks of life and pathways to STEM can be encouraged and aided in their STEM educational goals?

3. **Institutional Support:** Include details regarding UNM's past and current commitments to promote a thriving undergraduate research environment (e.g., level of undergraduate research activity, availability of required instrumentation and infrastructure, etc.).

The pre-proposals will be reviewed using the following criteria:

1. What impact will the Beckman Scholars Program have on the institution, Mentors, and individual Scholars, if awarded?
2. In what ways will the Beckman Scholars Program (and its participants) stand out from other honors and programs on campus?
3. What qualities or characteristics of the program will enable it to be recognized as different and special?
4. Eligibility and qualifications of the PI to lead the proposal.
5. Necessity, reasonableness, allowability, and justification of the budget.
6. Overall Score.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) or [HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu](mailto:HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu).