

## 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 **Burroughs Wellcome Fund's Climate & Health Excellence Centers (CHEX)** opportunity, which will support new discovery toward defining the health impacts of climate change, developing potential interventions, translating discovery science into practical application, and outward-facing work that can help public understanding of Climate + Health or strengthen connections between research and communities whose health has been harmed by climate change. The UNM Main and HSC Campuses are together considered a single institution.

**Sponsor:** Burroughs Wellcome Fund

**Opportunity Title:** Climate & Health Excellence Centers (CHEX)

**Opportunity Number:** n/a

**Sponsor Due Date(s):** LOI: 8/7/2025; Full proposals (invitation only): 12/4/2025

**Award Range:** up to \$10,000,000 (\$2M/5 years)

**Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM:** One (1) as a single applicant institution or as a lead applicant of an inter-institutional consortium

**Solicitation:** [BWF-CHEX-RFP-2025 v6.pdf \(bwfund.org\)](#)

**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. *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 February 5, 2025** (for planning)

**Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date:** **NOON on February 19, 2025**

**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 or biosketches 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 **required components** for LOIs submitted to the BWF.

- 1) The overall plan for the Center of Excellence including:
  - a) the core research problem(s) it will address;
  - b) its strategies to both bring together traditionally partnering fields and meaningfully engage those who have not typically partnered with health-focused work;
  - c) its expected impacts.
- 2) The interdisciplinary research activities the Center will undertake leading to mechanistic insights for climate change consequences for human health, with potential for mitigation or prevention of health effects.
- 3) A training grant element for UNM students or postdocs, not to exceed 20% of the budget.
- 4) Plans for outward-focused education OR communication work on Climate + Health.
- 5) The Center's relationship to UNM's existing Climate + Health work.

**Potential Additional Components to consider:**

- 1) Activities including policy development and implementation.
- 2) Economic modeling of climate change activities.
- 3) Convening activities for related stakeholders.
- 4) In-house pilot grant programs to stimulate new initiatives in Climate + Health.

**The pre-proposals will be reviewed using these criteria:**

- Fit to BWF program goals and value added by BWF's support
- Innovation and creativity
- Capacity to seed long-term faculty collaborations in Climate + Health
- Strength and feasibility of training plan
- Strength and feasibility of plans for outward-focused education OR communication work
- Connection to current activities and resources concentrated in Climate + Health
- Budget

Should you have questions, please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu). *If affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at [HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu](mailto:HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu) for more information.*