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Since its first grants in 1989 the Clare Boothe Luce (CBL) Program has become one of the single most significant sources of private support for women in science, mathematics and engineering in Higher Education in the United States. Clare Boothe Luce, the widow of Henry R. Luce, was a playwright, journalist, U.S. Ambassador to Italy, and the first woman elected to Congress from Connecticut. In her bequest establishing this program, she sought “to encourage women to enter, study, graduate, and teach” in science, mathematics and engineering. To date, the program has supported more than 2,500 women. Preference is given for support of women in the physical science and engineering. Some biological science disciplines are excluded and medical, behavioral, and social science fields are excluded ([Inclusion/Exclusion Details](#)).

The CBL Program awards grants in four categories for women in STEM:

- ***Undergraduate Scholarships*** - cover educational expenses, enabling students to focus on their studies during the final two years of undergraduate study. In general, undergraduate scholarships support up to four students for their last two academic years.
- ***Undergraduate Research Awards*** - support research projects with faculty mentors, motivating and preparing recipients to apply for graduate study. In general, undergraduate research awards support up to 24 students (up to 8 per year) in the course of a two- to three-year grant period.
- ***Graduate Fellowships*** - benefit recipients at the beginning of their graduate studies, when funds for independent research are rarely available. In general, these awards support two graduate fellowships for the first two years of a Ph.D. program.
- ***Assistant/Associate Professorships*** - In general, professorship support is provided for the first five years of a beginning tenure-track faculty appointment. These are for new hires to the university rather than already established faculty.

Grants are made to four-year degree-granting institutions, not directly to individuals. Institutions applying for Clare Boothe Luce Program grants are encouraged to provide some match, or to demonstrate how institutional support will augment the benefits of the grant. Professorship grants have a cap of \$500,000; all other categories have a cap of \$300,000 and overhead/indirect expenses are not allowed. Further information can be found here, <https://www.hluce.org/programs/clare-boothe-luce-program/application-guidelines/>.

The first step of the proposal process is to submit an online Information Form ([preview](#)) by March 2, 2020. Selected universities are then invited to submit a full proposal which is due August 3, 2020. Per the sponsor, it is necessary for an institution to submit one form as a single organization for one award category.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one Information Form. If you are interested in leading the submission of a UNM Information Form, please email a statement of interest with a tentative title, prospective award category, a brief project description (200 words), and names and departments of all senior personnel by **noon, Wednesday, January 8, 2020** to limited@unm.edu with the subject line: **CBL – your name**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

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