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Dear UNM Researchers,

The U.S. Department of State Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (DRL) has announced an open competition for organizations interested in submitting applications for an applied research program that supports the following goal: contribute to building a portfolio of evidence in the field of evaluative practice and interventions that employ human rights frameworks and complexity- and culturally- responsive methods, while also strengthening strategic and evaluative frameworks to contribute to the body of global and equitable human rights evaluative practice. The purpose of this evaluative research is to contribute to the global body of evaluative tools and practice by developing a human rights framework that espouses the principles of “do no (more) harm,” and “nothing about us without us.” Based on the principles articulated above, the research should result in an actionable framework for human rights programming and evaluation practices—both of which would bolster democracy, human rights, and governance (DRG) programming and evaluation practices.

The applied research will assess a series of global human rights programming, starting with programs focused on the rights of marginalized groups, where the first phase will focus on LGBTQI+ persons in all their diverse identities. Based on the emergent evidence and learning loops that stem from the first phases of the evaluation, subsequent phases of the applied research will sample from additional sub-populations or thematic programs, such as Disabilities, Gender, Religious Minorities, Media, or Emergency Assistance for Human Rights Defenders. The implementing partner shall form an expert team consisting of one senior applied Research Team Lead along with three mid-level researchers, a communications or data visualization specialist, and one administrative coordinator. However, there is flexibility to propose an alternative staffing structure with proper justification from the applicant.

There is \$1,780,601 available for 1-2 awards. Projects should be 3 years in duration. There is no cost share requirement for this award. More details can be found in the program solicitation: <https://www.state.gov/drl-nothing-about-us-without-us-building-evidence-for-an-integrated-human-rights-framework-and-justice-in-evaluation-practice/>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **July 18, 2023**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application as lead.** If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **NOON on June 6, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

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