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From: Faculty Research Development Office (FRDO)
Office of the Vice President for Research

Subject: Limited Competition: Department of Education: Promoting Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Americans (PPOHA) Program, (ED-GRANTS-031424-002)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

This program provides grants to institutions of higher education (IHEs) to expand postbaccalaureate educational opportunities for, and improve the academic attainment of, Hispanic students; and expand the postbaccalaureate academic offerings, as well as enhance the program quality, at IHEs that are educating the majority of Hispanic college students. The Department, as expressed in Invitational Priorities, is also particularly interested in improving the Hispanic Ph.D. pipeline through collaboration, supporting the Hispanic Educator pipeline, and increasing Hispanics in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). This notice includes one absolute priority, two competitive preference priorities for which applicants may receive up to 15 additional points depending on how well the application meets these priorities, and three invitational priorities:

- **Absolute Priority:** Expanding the number of Hispanic and other underrepresented graduate and professional students that can be served by the institution by expanding courses and institutional resources.
- **Competitive Preference Priority 1:** Meeting Student Social, Emotional, and Academic Needs.
- **Competitive Preference Priority 2:** Increasing Postsecondary Education Access, Affordability, Completion, and Post-Enrollment Success.
- **Invitational Priority 1:** Improving the Hispanic Ph.D. Pipeline through Collaboration.
- **Invitational Priority 2:** Supporting the Hispanic Educator Pipeline.
- **Invitational Priority 3:** Increasing Hispanics in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM).

The Department estimates making 10-12 awards in FY 2024. For individual applications, the maximum award is \$600,000 for each 12-month budget period for up to 5 years for a total of \$3,000,000. For consortium applications, the maximum award is \$1,500,000 for each 12-month budget period for up to 5 years for a total of \$7,500,000.

This program does not require cost sharing or matching unless the grantee uses a portion of its grant for establishing or improving an endowment fund. The PPOHA program uses a restricted indirect cost rate (ICR). Under a restricted indirect cost rate, IHEs are limited to an 8% Modified Total Direct Cost

(MTDC) base. The full solicitation and an instructional webinar can be found here: grants.gov/search-results-detail/352939. The deadline for the *optional* Notice of Intent to Apply is May 3, 2024. The deadline for full proposals to the agency is **May 13, 2024**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application.** 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.**

STEP ONE: Please enter your ~100-word **statement of interest** by **NOON on March 28, 2024** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step and no late submissions will be considered.

STEP TWO: Submit an abbreviated budget, 2-page CV, and a 3-page pre-proposal that clearly describes:

The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative:

- **Comprehensive Development Plan:**
 - Discuss the strengths, weaknesses, and significant problems of the institution's academic programs, institutional management, and fiscal stability.
 - Description of the objectives, which must be measurable, related to institutional goals, and, if achieved, will contribute to the growth and self-sufficiency of the institution.
 - Describe the methods and resources the institution will use to institutionalize practice and improvements developed under the proposed project, including, in particular, how operational costs for personnel, maintenance, and upgrades of equipment will be paid with institutional resources.
 - Describe the five-year plan to improve services to Hispanic and other low-income students.
- **Implementation Strategy:** Describe the rationale for the implementation strategy for each activity and how it is supported by the results of relevant studies or projects.
- **Evaluation Plan:** The plan should include benchmarks to monitor progress toward specific project objectives and outcome measures to assess the impact of the grant funded activities.

Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal (plus abbreviated budget and 2-page CV for all personnel; 11-point font) by **NOON on April 2, 2024** 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 can work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

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.