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Subject: Limited Competitions: Whiting Public Engagement Programs, 2022-23 cycle

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The Whiting Public Engagement Programs, including the [Public Engagement Fellowship and the Public Engagement Seed Grant](#), are **designed to celebrate and empower humanities faculty who embrace public engagement** as part of their scholarly vocation. The programs fund ambitious, often collaborative projects to infuse into public life the richness, profundity, and nuance that give the humanities their lasting value.

The University of New Mexico has been invited to nominate **one early-career humanities professor for each of the two programs.**

To be eligible for either program, nominees must be *full-or part-time humanities faculty in both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 academic years*. Faculty need not be on a tenure track to be eligible. Nominees must also be *early-career: they should have received their doctorate between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2020*. The Foundation has specified focus disciplines within the humanities, namely: history; the study of literature, visual art, music, and other arts; philosophy; and area studies combining these fields, such as classics and African-American studies. More information about the humanities fields and the kinds of public projects this sponsor supports can be found in the guidelines at <https://www.whiting.org/WPEP22-23-guidelines>.

UNM must submit the name(s) of their nominee(s) by June 1, 2021, and nominee(s) must submit their first-round applications to the sponsor by June 14, 2021. Neither of these programs allow indirect costs to be included in the proposed budget.

The **Public Engagement Fellowship** of \$50,000 is for projects far enough into development or execution to present specific, compelling evidence that they will successfully engage the intended public. For the strongest Fellowship proposals, both the overall strategy and the practical plan to implement the project will be deeply developed, relationships with key collaborators will be in place, and connections with the intended public will have been cultivated. In some cases, the nominee and collaborators may have tested the idea in a pilot, or the project itself may already be underway

The **Public Engagement Seed Grant** of up to \$10,000 supports projects at a somewhat earlier stage of development than the Fellowship, before the nominee has been able to establish a specific track record of success for the proposed public-facing work. It is not, however, designed for projects starting entirely from scratch: nominees should have fleshed out a compelling vision, including a clear sense of whose collaboration will be required and the ultimate scope and outcomes. They should also have articulated

specific short-term next steps required to advance the project and understand the resources required to complete them

This is a limited competition. UNM is authorized to submit one application per program. **Please submit your three-page pre-proposal (11 point font), a draft budget overview and an abbreviated PI CV (all combined into a single PDF file) by NOON on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: Whiting - your name.** No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should include the program you are addressing, a title, and a brief description of the proposed project including the following criteria:

- Describe project overview and intended outcomes
- List collaborator(s) and describe their qualifications and roles in the project
- Detail existing work on similar subjects or in similar media
- Define intended public and describe public engagement plan
- Include a proposed timeline

The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

• Nominators, nominees, and prospective nominees may attend information sessions that the Whiting Foundation will hold [online](#) at 2pmET on the first Wednesday of each month from February through June to answer any questions about the application and selection process. (These are entirely optional.)

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

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