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UNM Researchers,

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) University Nuclear Leadership Program (UNLP) is soliciting applications for funding for students and early career (untenured) faculty to support nuclear science, engineering, technology, and related disciplines. The objective is to develop a workforce capable of supporting the design, construction, operation, and regulation of nuclear facilities as well as the safe handling of nuclear materials. The funding is divided into four categories:

- 1. Scholarships** for students enrolled in an undergraduate bachelor's degree program in nuclear science, engineering, health physics, and other disciplines that may be beneficial in developing and maintaining a nuclear workforce who are citizens of the United States. Students must have and maintain a 3.0 GPA overall and within their major, and they must maintain a course load of at least 12 credit hours per semester or be classified as a full-time student in accordance with the university's policies and practices. Following graduation, scholarship recipients must perform six-months of nuclear-related employment for each full or partial year of academic support.
- 2. Fellowships** for students enrolled in a graduate degree program in nuclear science, engineering and other disciplines which may be beneficial in developing and maintaining a nuclear workforce who are citizens of the United States. Students must have and maintain a 3.3 GPA overall and within their major, and they must maintain a course load of at least 12 credit hours per semester or be classified as a full-time student in accordance with the university's policies and practices. Following graduation, scholarship recipients must perform six-months of nuclear-related employment for each full or partial year of academic support.
- 3. Distinguished Faculty Advancement Grants** for untenured assistant/associate professors who are on the tenure track in Nuclear, Nuclear Fusion, Mechanical, Civil, Environmental, Electrical, Fire Protection, Geotechnical, Structural and Materials Sciences Engineering, as well as Health Physics. Faculty supported under a comparable early career development award funded by other federal agencies are not eligible. The application must describe how the institution will select the faculty participant, what level of support the institution will provide, the evaluation plan, and the type of follow-up that will be provided for the completion of the advancement plan. The application must also describe how the institution will work toward building institutional capacity once the participant completes their faculty advancement activities. Faculty can be supported for a 4-year period; the PI cannot be the faculty participant selected to receive support.

- 4. Trade School and Community College Scholarships** for students who are US citizens and are pursuing certifications or Associates degrees in disciplines that are beneficial in developing and maintaining a nuclear workforce. Following graduation, scholarship recipients must perform six-months of nuclear-related employment for each full or partial year of academic support. *UNM main campus is not eligible for this category. If you are at a branch campus, please email limited@unm.edu so that we can verify your eligibility to apply.*

Applicants may request up to:

- \$200,000 in total costs for scholarships for a three-year period. Each student may not receive more than \$20,000 over that time.
- \$400,000 in total costs for fellowships for a four-year period. Each post graduate student may not receive more than \$50,000 per year or exceed \$200,000 over the four-year period.
- \$500,000 in total costs for the distinguished faculty advancement program for a four-year period. The amount awarded can increase up to \$600,000 if the additional funds are matched dollar for dollar by the recipient.
- \$150,000 in total costs for the trade school and community college scholarships for a two-year period. Each student may not receive more than \$5,000 per year.

For more information, see the full program solicitation: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=343278>. Applications are due by **October 20, 2022**.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is allowed to submit **ONE (1)** application per category. Therefore, we are requesting 200-word statements of interest be submitted via UNM's InfoReady Review portal <https://unm.infoready4.com/> by **NOON on Thursday, September 8, 2022**. No late submissions will be accepted. Should we receive more than one statement of interest per category, we will request pre-proposals and will run an internal competition.

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 Competitions for more information at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu.