

UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest and pre-proposals for the **NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program (EGFP) (NSF 24-588)** limited competition. This program provides an opportunity for applicants who received the distinction of GRFP Honorable Mention no more than three years before the proposal due date to be named NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellows and obtain financial support for their graduate education at an institution in an EPSCoR jurisdiction. EGFP aims to enhance the capacity and competitiveness of EPSCoR jurisdictions by providing funding to graduate degree-awarding institutions to support NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellows as they pursue graduate degrees in the disciplines specified by the NSF Directorates and Office that are participating in the EGFP funding program. EGFP awards will provide three years of stipend and associated cost-of-education allowance for each NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellow.

Sponsor: NSF

Opportunity Title: EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program (EGFP)

Opportunity Number: NSF 24-588

Sponsor Due Date(s): 10/2/2024

Award Range: \$477,000 to \$3,180,000

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: One (1) per institution

Solicitation: [NSF EPSCoR Graduate Fellowship Program \(EGFP\) | NSF - National Science Foundation](#)

Limited Comp. STEP 1: Required SOI Due Date: **NOON on July 22, 2024** (for planning purposes)

Limited Comp. STEP 2: Pre-proposal Due Date: **NOON on July 30, 2024**

Limited Comp. Instructions: 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 submit your ~100-word **statement of interest** in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). This is a required step, and no late submissions will be considered. Note that SOIs will NOT be reviewed; we require them so that we can form a review committee early.

STEP TWO: Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal and CVs for key personnel 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 may work on your documents outside the system before that. No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should address the major topics that will be included in the proposal narrative, including:

- Provide a description of the characteristics of the graduate program that selected Fellows will experience, from matriculation through graduation. Alignment of the graduate program with one or more of those specified by the Directorates/Office collaborating to issue this solicitation must be clearly articulated (see section II of the solicitation).
- For each relevant discipline, the proposal must provide credible evidence that the institution has the capacity to serve the number of students for whom support is requested. In addition, the institution must demonstrate in the proposal that they have the capability to provide students with a high-quality graduate experience.

- Each proposal should also summarize what constitutes "satisfactory progress" toward completion of a STEM or STEM education research graduate degree in the relevant discipline(s) and describe how students are guided to make continuous satisfactory progress throughout their graduate program. The process by which students who are not making satisfactory progress are notified, given opportunities to improve, and, if no improvement occurs, are dismissed from the program(s) should be addressed.
- A description of the process by which prospective Fellows' information submitted via ETAP will be reviewed, the additional application materials that will be requested from the prospective Fellows, and the process for making final decisions regarding which applicants will be offered fellowships.

The 3-page pre-proposals will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- The capacity and exemplary characteristics of existing graduate education and research programs in the discipline(s) relevant to the proposed project at the proposing institution.
- The effectiveness of graduate education and mentoring programs in the relevant discipline(s) at the proposing institution in retaining students to degree completion and preparing them for success in their future careers.
- The extent to which the proposed project will enhance the capacity for research and/or contribute to innovation in the EPSCoR jurisdiction.

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.