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UNM Researchers,

The Arts Endowment's five-year research agenda aims to build public knowledge about the arts' contributions to individuals and society. Through the NEA Research Labs program, we seek to extend this agenda and its impact by cultivating a series of transdisciplinary research partnerships, grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, to produce and report empirical insights about the arts for the benefit of arts and non-arts sectors alike.

Each NEA Research Lab will define its own agenda, conduct project activities to implement that agenda, and prepare reports that will contribute substantively to a wider understanding of one of three areas of special interest to the Arts Endowment:

1. The Arts, Health, and Social/Emotional Well-Being
 - a. Therapeutic Approaches and Benefits
 - b. Non-Therapeutic Approaches and Benefits
2. The Arts, Creativity, Cognition, and Learning
3. The Arts, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation

NEA Research Labs are intended to serve as "hubs" or centers of excellence in the domain of interest. Each NEA Research Lab will develop a pipeline of projects or products, even while conducting at least one major study. In addition, NEA Research Labs will be positioned to fulfill *ad hoc* analyses or information requests concerning the research agenda being pursued, as may be required during the project period of performance.

Required Partnership: Applicants must identify one nonprofit arts partner at the time of application.

Cooperative Agreements of up to \$150,000 to each NEA Research Lab will be awarded. **Cost share is required and must be matched on a 1 to 1 basis with nonfederal funds.** Complete program details can be found at: <https://www.arts.gov/program-solicitation-national-endowment-arts-research-labs-may2019>. Proposals to the sponsor are due July 15, 2019.

This is a limited competition. Each institution is limited to one proposal. If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title, brief description, and the name of your nonprofit arts partner (200 words) by **noon, June 18, 2019** via e-mail to limited@unm.edu **with the subject line: NEA Research Labs – your name.** Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for preproposals.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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