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

Subject: Limited Competition: VentureWell Course and Programs Grants

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UNM Researchers,

VentureWell Course and Programs Grants support curriculum that develops and expands the entrepreneurial ecosystem to engage students in science and technology innovation and entrepreneurship. Ideally, C&P Grant funding should act as a catalyst for increased entrepreneurial activity and help faculty and universities leverage other opportunities to launch and/or grow their innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems. C&P grants may be used to strengthen existing curricular programs or to build new, pedagogically inclusive courses and programs that engage student teams in developing and pursuing scalable solutions to real-world needs. The end goal is to support diverse groups of faculty, staff, and students in collaborating to develop novel inventions and technologies that have positive environmental and social impact.

Course and Programs Grants provide up to \$30,000 toward activities that lead to effective courses and programs that are sustained by the institution, lead to the formation of student teams by leveraging experiential learning practices, and expand opportunities for learning across science and technology innovation and entrepreneurship.

C&P grant proposals may include plans to create or improve an individual course, course sequence, minor, major, certificate program, or other co- and extracurricular programs, including non-credit programs, that are directly tied to and support I&E-focused curriculum. S&T focus area may include, but are not limited to:

- General (science- and technology-based) entrepreneurship
- Sustainable technologies (new materials, clean tech, green energy, and chemistry innovation)
- Climate change solutions (technology to mitigate and/or adapt to climate change), especially technologies that support communities most impacted by climate change
- Biomedical and healthcare innovation
- Technologies that address poverty alleviation and basic human needs

More details can be found at <https://venturewell.org/course-program-grants/guidelines/>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the foundation is **November 2, 2022**.

**This is a limited competition.** Each institution can submit **TWO (2)** applications. If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **NOON on October 17, 2022**. Submit your statement of interest via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). Because of the short turnaround time for this opportunity, we are testing out a new system for this limited competition:

**\*\*SOIs will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.\*\* In other words, October 17 is the last day you can submit an SOI, but if we receive two before then, we will close the application portal and offer the limited slots to those two applicants.** Again, this is only because of the short turnaround time for this application.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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