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Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of Citizen Exchanges, Global Leaders Division, of the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) invites proposal submissions for the FY 2024 TechWomen program to empower, connect, and support the next generation of women leaders in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The exchange program uses a mentorship model to support emerging STEM leaders from Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, South and Central Asia, and Sub-Saharan Africa. Organizations applying for this federal award should demonstrate the capacity to recruit, select, and place in mentorship experiences a total of approximately 100-110 women from select countries in these regions to participate in a five- to six-week intensive peer-mentoring program in the United States. The mentoring experience should focus on advancing the status of professional women in STEM industries through project-based peer mentorships, skill building, networking opportunities, and enhancement activities.

Award applicants must exhibit their ability to manage all program logistics and overseas follow-on programming, including a one-time TechWomen Alumnae Summit. The recipient will be awarded \$3,930,000 for the overall FY 2024 TechWomen program, with \$850,000 of that total amount supporting the Alumnae Summit. There is no minimum or maximum percentage of cost sharing required for this competition. However, ECA encourages applicants to provide maximum levels of cost sharing and funding in support of its programs. ECA's grant guidelines require that organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchanges be limited to \$130,000 in ECA funding. ECA anticipates making one cooperative agreement, in an amount of \$3,930,000 to support all costs required to implement this exchange program. Therefore, organizations with less than four years of experience in conducting international exchanges are ineligible to apply under this competition. More details can be found in the program solicitation: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349617>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **October 6, 2023**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application as lead.** 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 August 22, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. Based on the number of responses received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

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

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